

19.73.060 Landscaping and vegetation.

See also Section 19.72.030H, “Tree and Vegetation Protection” for those properties located in the foothills and canyons overlay zone.

A. Preserve existing trees and vegetation;

+ 1. To the maximum extent feasible, existing concentrations of significant trees and vegetation shall be preserved and remain undisturbed as an important site amenity. For the purposes of this chapter, “significant trees and vegetation” shall be defined as set forth in Section 19.72.070. (See also Section 19.73.030E of this chapter.)

+ a. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in this section, existing vegetation located within thirty feet of the primary structure on a site shall be thinned and regularly maintained to help minimize the risk of property damage from wildfire, and to provide space for fire-fighting equipment and personnel.

o b. When landscaping within this thirty-foot fire-break area, use of fire-resistant plants is strongly encouraged. (For a list of fire-resistant plants, contact the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake Ranger District, or the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.) See also Section 19.72.030(H)(3)(c), “Wildfire Hazards and Tree/Vegetation Removal.”

+ 2. To the maximum extent feasible, dryland species shall be selected for slope revegetation, and irrigation will be minimized to reduce potential problems.

B. Landscape to retain harmony between the various elements of a landscape and to preserve its original character:

+ 1. Landscaping for new development shall incorporate natural features in the landscape such as trees, significant vegetative patterns, interesting land forms, rocks, water, views and orientation.

+ 2. Landscaped areas shall be an integral part of the development project, and not simply located in left-over space on the site. New planting shall blend in with the existing landscape.

+ 3. All disturbed areas shall be revegetated using native or adapted plant species and materials characteristic of the area.

o 4. Use of fire-resistant plants is also strongly encouraged. (For a list of fire-resistant plants, contact the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake Ranger District, or the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.) (Ord. 1417 § 3 (part), 1998)