

Landscape Maintenance

Many of our community members have struggled to keep their lawns and parking strips looking green and healthy throughout the summer. This is a good time of year to let you know what one neighbor has done to keep his yard in good shape year round at a reasonable cost:

At the beginning of spring:

Purchase two bags Scotts Lawn Soil (1.5 cu. ft. bag), approximate cost \$5.77 per bag.

Purchase one bag J&B Lawn Seed Sun & Shade Mix (8 lb. bag), approximate cost \$17.97

Place a handful of lawn soil in the holes in the lawn, and put seed on top of the lawn soil and cover with more lawn soil. Water daily for 7 days; in 7 to 10 days you will see the seed sprouting up.

In early June:

Purchase one bag Scotts Summer Guard Fertilizer (5000sq. ft. bag), approximate cost \$14.00

Put it on the grass every 4 to 6 weeks. The clay soil needs these nutrients to feed and loosen the soil.

Once a year, in June or July the lawn should be aerated and thatched. Whenever temperatures are above 95 degrees water deeply or the soil will turn to hard clay. Deep watering (1 hour) at least once a week will help your grass roots grow deeper into the soil. You should also sprinkle seed into the lawn during the summer months to help fill in spots. It really doesn't take much work to keep the lawn green and full. Just look at the Common Area, they have the same soil and get the same amount of sun as all of us. The landscapers just mow, fertilize and water.

At the beginning of fall:

Purchase one bag of Scotts Winterizer (5000 cu ft. bag), approximate cost \$14.00

Put it down at least twice before winter arrives.

Both fertilizers will usually last for two seasons.