

# Bountiful City Residential Landscaping & Park Strip



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## Park Strip Requirements

The park strip is the area between the curb and sidewalk (or property line and curb if no sidewalk exists). Property owners are responsible for installation and maintenance.

### Street Trees

- One tree per 40 feet of frontage (or fraction thereof)
- May be placed in park strip or yard setbacks

### Live Vegetation

- 35%–50% must be live vegetation
- Trees outside the park strip do not count

### Prohibited Materials

- Bark, wood chips, lawn clippings, rubber mulch
- Lava rock, building bricks, or artificial grass
- No asphalt allowed

### Allowed Materials

- Decorative rock (2" minimum), gravel, quartz
- Pavers, flagstone, cobble, boulders
- 3" minimum depth with weed barrier fabric
- Must not exceed curb or sidewalk height
- Max 50% hard surface (includes concrete)

### Irrigation

- Permanent irrigation required for all vegetation
- Must fully cover planted areas

### Lawn Restrictions

- No lawn in park strips for new single-family or two-family homes
- Existing homes are exempt

### Special Review Areas

- Erosion-prone areas may need City review

For information on local landscape and design recommendations see the following websites:

- <https://localscapes.jvwcd.gov/>
- <https://extension.usu.edu/cwel/plants>
- <https://slowtheflow.org/>



## Quick Checklist

Before planting or installing, make sure:

- At least one tree per 40 feet of frontage
- 35–50% live vegetation in park strip
- No mulch, bark, lava rock, or artificial grass
- No asphalt or more than 50% hard surface
- Irrigation system installed for plants
- Materials meet depth and size requirements

This handout is not intended to replace the official Bountiful City Land Use Code. For a complete overview, please refer to Section 14-16-109, available at Bountiful City's official website ([bountifulutah.gov](http://bountifulutah.gov)).