

Landscaping (Tree and Shrub)

Purpose of the policy

To provide the board, committees and individual members with guidelines for the appropriate planting, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubs and vines in order to ensure the structural integrity and safety of the Co-op buildings and property.

Policy

(a) Planting

1. If you wish to plant a tree, shrub, or vine, you must submit a request for approval in writing to the landscape committee. The member will be responsible for the cost of the tree, shrub or vine and any associated costs of planting and care.
2. If the tree or shrub is on the Co-op approved list (as maintained by the Landscape Committee), the Landscape Committee will then approve the planting location, and provide care and maintenance instructions.
3. If the tree, shrub or vine is not on the approved list, the landscape committee will consider the request by determining the appropriateness of the tree, shrub or vine, in consultation with the arborist, if necessary. The member may be asked to cover the cost of this consultation, if it falls outside of the regular arborist visit. Planting a tree, shrub or vine without approval may result in removal of the tree, shrub or vine at the members' cost.

Maintenance and Removal

1. All trees, shrubs and vines planted in the Co-op, whether in common areas or in units' fenced yards, are subject to regular review by the Co-op in order to prevent potential damage to the Co-op buildings and to maintain the health of the tree, shrub or vine.
2. The Co-op may prune or remove a tree, shrub or vine if deemed necessary, for the above reasons, with at least 48 hours notice.
3. The Co-op will charge the member for all associated costs and removal of any unapproved tree, shrub (or vine), planted after the implementation of this policy.
4. Individual members may not remove trees. All tree removal must be done under authorization by the Landscape committee and in accordance with the coop tree removal plan.

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Procedures needed to carry out this policy

1. Members submit a written request for approval to plant a tree, shrub or vine to the Landscape Committee Chair.
2. The Landscape Committee will respond in writing to the member.