

CHAPTER 1 LANDSCAPING APPLICABILITY AND TYPES

Use this chapter, along with TMC 13.06.090B, to determine if your development triggers landscaping requirements, and to determine which ones apply. For developments within Downtown Tacoma, see TMC 13.06.050 Downtown Tacoma. Most landscaping requirements consist of a mix of trees, shrubs and groundcover, as specified in the code. Consult a PDS Planner to discuss any questions or concerns.

1. Does the landscaping code apply to what I am doing?

Landscaping is required for new development and substantial alterations as laid out in the code. Street trees, specifically, are required for construction of new roadways and sidewalks. See TMC 13.06.010.A Applicability.

2. Is my development exempt from landscaping?

The on-site portions of the following are exempt from on-site landscaping requirements outright, except for street tree requirements triggered by off-site improvements as specified in Section 4.2.3 Street Trees:

- *Single, two and three-family developments*
- *Passive open space areas*
- *Park and recreation uses*

See TMC 13.06.020, 13.06.030, 13.06.060, and 13.06.040 Landscaping requirements applicable to Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Mixed-Use Districts.

3. If landscaping is required, then review TMC 13.06.090B to determine which of the following applies:

- *Overall Site Landscaping*
- *Site Perimeter Landscaping*
- *Landscaping Buffers*
- *Street Trees*
- *Parking Lot Landscaping*
- *X District Front Yard and Foundation Landscaping*