

HERON SHORES HOMEOWNERS, INC

UNIFORM LANDSCAPE POLICY

The Landscape Committee would like you to be aware of the following policies regarding the landscaping of your property.

1. A Request for Architectural/Grounds Modification or Repair Form (ARC) must be submitted to Keys-Caldwell for any changes/removals/additions to your unit's landscaping. See paragraphs 7.4 and 7.20 of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. These forms can be obtained at Keys-Caldwell's office or on the EVMA website for Heron Shores. Each request must be accompanied by a diagram with dimensions and a written description of the changes that you wish to make.
 - No ARC Form is needed for potted plants or annual flowers. No plastic, silk or artificial plants may be used except at Special Holidays. (See 7.7)
 - **No lawn ornaments of any kind** are permitted **in front** in view of the street. (See 7.7)
 - Outdoor decorations are permitted for recognized holidays. Decorations may be displayed no sooner than **30** days prior to the holiday and must be removed within **10** days after. Holiday specific flags and banners are not permitted. (See 7.17 of the Covenants & Restrictions)
 - American flags may be displayed at any time and small American flags may be placed in the yards on Holidays. (See 7.17 of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions)
 - Ornamental flags or banners are **not** allowed in front in view of the street. (7.17)
2. Florida Friendly shrubs and landscaping may be added or changes made with Board approval (ARC Form). Trimming of the shrubbery is done through our association. If you wish, you may maintain your own trimming **but it must be kept in compliance with the rest of the homes in the community**. If you wish to maintain your existing landscape, it must be maintained equal to or better than those maintained by the Association and must not exceed the general height or girth of those maintained by the Association, in the opinion of the Board of Directors. All requests to self maintain landscaping should be emailed to the Chairman of the Landscape Committee to be officially forwarded to our Landscaper.

***Florida Statutes requires that non-domestic (exotic) plants and vegetation have prior Florida Agriculture permit for approval.
3. An ARC Form must be used for planting of any new tree. **Fruit trees are not permitted**. See paragraphs 7.4 and 7.20 of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. If you wish to put in additional plants and/or trees, you must understand that the cost of putting in the new plants and/or trees will be the responsibility and at the expense of the unit owner. Association will provide maintenance. (See 4.1.2)

Damage to wiring underground, irrigation pipes, etc. must be repaired at the owner's expense. Please call #811 to have utility companies come out to mark area to prevent damage.

4. Residents may mulch their landscaped areas at their own expense. One inch earth tone rock, or white marble chips are acceptable around the foundation. Black or brown Cyprus mulch may be used in any area. No red or rubber mulch is permitted. Black plastic sheeting should **not** be used as this prevents the bed from breathing and does not allow the fertilizer and water to reach the roots of the plants and trees. Weed matting should be used under the rock to keep the weeds from growing and allow the water and fertilizer to reach the roots of the trees and plants.
5. All beds must be edged with Black Diamond heavy plastic or equivalent edging similar to that around the present planting beds so that there is no interference with the lawn mowing.
6. New trees must be mutually acceptable to roof mate and neighbor. Heavy black borders around trees are being discontinued. Trees such as Live Oaks, Pine Elliotii, etc. which create a maintenance problem will not be approved.
7. A minimum of five (5) feet clearance between units for new planting beds is needed for mowing equipment. Any new beds also must not interfere with the existing sprinkler system. If it is necessary to move any sprinkler heads because of interference from any of the new planting or trees, or because the existing sprinkler system does not cover the lawn or the new beds, the cost to move the sprinkler heads or add heads if additional sprinkler heads are necessary, will be the responsibility of the unit owner.