



The Corporation of Township of Brock Boulevard Garden Policy

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Guidelines for Boulevard Garden

Owners of property in the Township of Brock wishing to install alternatives to turf grass, such as a Boulevard Garden, shall follow Boulevard Garden Policy and Guidelines.

1. The property owner shall sign this policy below to attest they have read and will follow these guidelines and shall submit their signed policy to the Township of Brock for registration prior to commencing a boulevard garden.
2. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate all servicing, such as gas, phone, Hydro, cable etc. prior to commencing any works on the boulevard.
3. All boulevard gardens shall be limited to perennial or annual plant material up to 75cm (2.5ft) tall except within street intersection lots (corner lots) where plants shall not exceed 30cm (1ft) tall. Shrubs up to 30cm in height are permitted. Decomposable mulches are permitted. Property owners are not permitted to plant trees. Noxious weeds or invasive plants are not permitted.
4. The property owner agrees to review the Boulevard Planting Guide when planning a Boulevard Garden and as much as possible will ensure at least 75% of plants used in the garden are native to Ontario and not invasive species or noxious weeds.
5. A 30cm (1ft) setback shall remain in place for all sidewalks, curbs and driveway edges.
6. The landscape treatment shall maintain positive surface drainage.
7. Property owners shall maintain their Boulevard, Ditches, Sidewalks and Roadways free and clear of all debris in accordance with the Township of Brock Traffic Control By-Law, Boulevard Maintenance By-Law, Nuisance By-Law and any other By-Law that may apply.

8. The Township of Brock reserves the right to require with due notice that the boulevard be returned to turf grass at any time at the property owner's expense, failing which the Township of Brock may remove all non-compliant material and restore the boulevard to the turf grass standard.
9. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate their property line through their legal survey. Property owners shall ensure compliance with the Zoning By-Law and ensure retaining walls or fences are in accordance with set-backs. The property owner shall ensure, in the case of building a retaining wall or fence that they are also in accordance with the Fence By-Law, the Traffic Control By-Law and that any applicable building permits as required.
10. Hedges shall be set back 1.0 metres (3.2ft) from the front lot line and in the case of a corner lot, hedges shall be also set back 1.0 metres (3.2ft) from the side lot line abutting the street. Permanent installations such as in-ground irrigation systems, fencing, or hard mulches such as pea gravel or small rocks are not permitted on the boulevard.
11. The soil, mulch, or pavers must be lower than the sidewalk.
12. Large rocks, structures, raised beds or containers are not permitted.
13. Keep area as flat as possible, about 2.5 centimetres (1 inch) below sidewalk; make a 2.5 centimetre depression in the centre to help catch rainwater, and prevent erosion and runoff.
14. Keep taller plants toward the centre of the garden, and stake them if they droop
15. In the event that emergency works are required that will disturb an existing boulevard garden, no notification will be provided. In the event of scheduled boulevard works, Township staff will notify the homeowner two weeks in advance, giving them the opportunity to salvage plant material.
16. Following any boulevard works, the boulevard will be restored to the sod standard unless the homeowner states their intent to reestablish the boulevard plantings within 30 days, weather permitting.
17. Reestablished boulevard gardens should be in compliance with this policy. Following the 30-day period, if no homeowner plantings have taken place, the Township of Brock will restore the boulevard to turf.
18. The Township of Brock assumes no responsibility for the cost of repairs of any damages to the garden on the boulevard.
19. The property owner shall maintain clear and easy access to all above ground and underground services, including but not limited to fire hydrants and valves, Bell pedestals, and Hydro transformer boxes.

Property Address: _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____