

GEORGETOWNE

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LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

There has been some discussion with homeowners regarding the responsibility of the lawn maintenance over the past few months. Many lawns are showing signs of distress due to lack of water, insect infestation and other maintenance issues. While the association is responsible for the mowing of the lawn and spraying & fertilization, it is also the owner's responsibility to be proactive in noting issues in the lawn to management. The purpose of the association providing the lawn maintenance for the front yards is to maintain a consistent and uniform appearance throughout the community.

Homeowners are required to have an automatic sprinkler system and to provide water to the lawn and shrubs as required. Homeowners are encouraged to check the sprinkler heads to ensure they are covering the lawn effectively. A watering guide is printed below for your review.

The Association provides the spray and fertilization of the front yards and shrubs. Treatment is done on a monthly basis to ensure the shrubs and lawns are maintained as required. One of the largest issues affecting owners is crab grass. The EPA has banned the chemical "Asulox" which was used to treat crabgrass. As of now there is no effective commercial application for the control of crabgrass. Guardian will spray out the area with Round-up to kill off the crab grass and it is the responsibility of the owner to add sod where needed.

If you are unsure of your responsibilities for the maintenance of your property, please feel free to contact EPM Services or attend our monthly board meeting for clarification.

How Much Water is Needed for Your Lawn??

Watering your lawn can be tricky – how much or how little water should be used? When should you water? If you water too much, dollar weed becomes rampant and a fungus can attack your lawn. Too little water leaves the grass dry and withered, which invites chinch bugs!

Here is a chart for proper watering:

High Daytime Temperatures	Times per Week	Duration for each location
Above 60 degrees	1	20 minutes ea. zone
Above 70 degrees	1	30 minutes ea. zone
Above 80 degrees	2	30 minutes ea. zone
Above 90 degrees	2	40 minutes ea. zone

Don't forget about the watering guidelines established by the St. Johns River Water Management District –

Odd Numbered Addresses – Wednesday & Saturday before 10 am & after 4 pm
Even Numbered Addresses – Thursday & Sunday before 10 am & after 4 pm

If you need an irrigation check up, Central Florida Landscaping & Maintenance has an irrigation program for the homeowners in Georgetowne. Call CFL at 407-366-4666 to set up an appointment for an irrigation check. There is a cost for the irrigation service.

TREE TRIMMING

Tree trimming is important to our lawns as it allows sunlight to filter onto our lawns and promote growth. If you are having issues with your lawn and you have a large shade tree on your lot, please have an arborist evaluate the tree and provide recommendations for trimming. All low hanging branches should be trimmed over walkways and streets.