



## MORE ABOUT LAWNS, WEED CONTROL, LANDSCAPE BEDS, AND YARD MAINTENANCE

Well-established and maintained lawns, shrubbery, and flower garden/landscape bed areas are essential to neighborhood appearance and property values. Residents are required to establish and maintain their lawns according to the following guidelines:

**LAWNS:** Bermuda grass is the Community-Wide Standard in Lanier Lakes. The expectation for our community is all lawns to be weed free, per the **Declaration of Protective Covenants for Lanier Lakes Subdivision** ("Covenants"). Bermuda grass becomes dormant in the winter months and as such, the only thing growing in that type of grass is weeds.

When mowing your lawn, please adhere to the following:

- Edge along hard surfaces (curbs, sidewalks, driveways, and fencing).
- Use a trimmer to remove new grass growth from the edge of your landscape beds, from around the tree, mailbox, or anything the mower was unable to cut.
- Ensure your entire property is mowed and maintained, which includes behind your fence, if applicable.
- Do not blow clippings into the street and keep the sidewalks and driveways free from clippings.

**WEED CONTROL:** The Board will review all properties in January of each year and should there be any weeds in your lawn a photo will be taken. If the photo is compared to that of the year before and there has been little to no improvement, the home owner will receive a \$50 fine and 10-days to secure a lawn service and provide the Board of Directors ("BoD") a lawn service contract for the upcoming year. If there is no photo to compare to, then you will receive a letter giving you 10-days to secure a lawn service and provide the BoD a lawn service contract for the upcoming year.

There are several lawn service professionals that tend to properties throughout the community and their prices are based on your lot size. However, we have a negotiated rate with Wayne's Environmental Service (256.461.7863) to provide seven treatments throughout the year. All lots in The Willows, regardless of size, are charged \$28/per month (\$336/annually) and all lots in Grand Point, regardless of size, are charged \$34/per month (\$408/annually).

The winter goal of this community is to have dormant Bermuda grass with no weeds, which will bring lush and weed free lawns in the spring, summer, and fall.

**LANDSCAPE BEDS:** All landscape beds (berms, side of the home, tree rings) seen from the street must be weed free and trees should have all new growth at the base (a.k.a. suckers) must be trimmed away.

- You must have adequate landscaping and if not, you could possibly be cited for such as an HOA violation.
- Pruning of shrubs to mid-way of windows (at the meeting rail where the top window meets the bottom window). If your shrubs are not that mature, please ensure that your smaller shrubs are trimmed of any new growth that would cause the shrub(s) to appear misshapen.
- Keep mulch fresh in the spring and/or the fall.

**YARD MAINTENANCE:** *Trash, Garbage, and Debris* must be stored at the side of the home or in the garage. Do not allow trash, debris, solid waste materials, or containers to accumulate on the curb or street prior to trash day each Wednesday. *Lawn equipment* (mowers, blowers, edgers), *landscaping supplies* (seed, mulch, garden hoses), and *portable equipment* (BBQ, bicycles, utility carts, balls, soccer goals, strollers) must all be stored out of sight when not in use.