

# Landscaping & Hardsurfacing

## Before You Start

Any front or side yards visible from a public street must be landscaped within 18 months from the time you move into your home.

When planning out your landscaping, you can implement any of the following materials:

- Grass seed or sod
- Washed gravel or shale
- Flower beds or cultivated gardens
- Trees, shrubs, or other plants
- Outdoor furniture or sculptures
- Fences or walls
- Decorative bricks, pavers or stones

*Permits are not required for basic landscaping. Permits and inspections may be required for additional features such as firepits, fences, decks, sheds, hot tubs or water features. Please refer to respective guides for more information, or call 311 and ask to speak with a development officer.*

**TIPS**

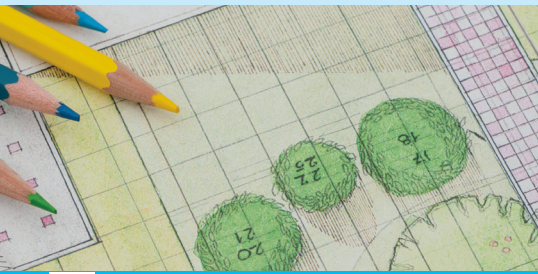
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# A low maintenance yard is possible!

No- you can't pave your lawn, but you can cut back on yard maintenance BIG TIME! Did you know that lawns only need 2.5 centimetres of water per week to stay healthy? Choosing plants that thrive in Edmonton's natural climate will also help keep your yard looking lush through rain or drought.

Learn more at [edmonton.ca/greenyards](http://edmonton.ca/greenyards)



## Contact

For application forms, fees, and additional information:

### Phone

311  
Outside of Edmonton: 780-442-5311

### Web

[edmonton.ca/landscapingregulations](http://edmonton.ca/landscapingregulations)

### Email

[sdcurrentplanning@edmonton.ca](mailto:sdcurrentplanning@edmonton.ca)

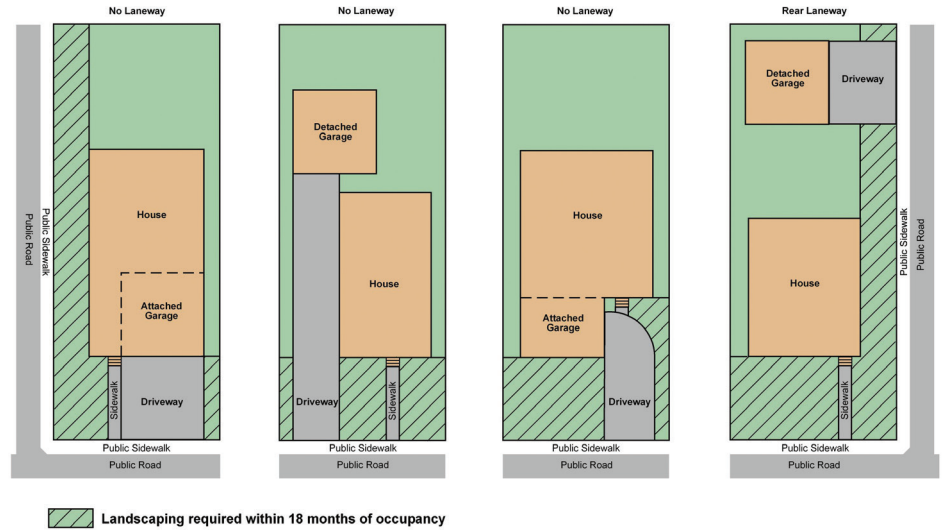
### In Person/Mail

Current Planning Service Centre  
5th Floor, 10250 – 101 Street NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3P4

### Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

*\*Fees depend on the scale of your project. Full fee schedule is available online.*



## Driveways

The number of side-by-side parking stalls in the garage or parking pad determines the allowable width of a driveway. Driveways have a maximum width of 3.1 metres per side-by-side parking stall. For example, if you have a double car garage your driveway can only be 6.2 metres wide and must lead directly from the street to your garage door. Materials such as continuous asphalt or concrete can only be used for driveways and walkways. Prior to adding additional hard surfacing to your property or widening your driveway, please discuss your options with a representative of the Development Approvals Section at the Current Planning Service Centre.

**Note** This is a general guide. Additional information may be required.

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