

Recently Asked Landscape Questions ... And Answers

Q Do I need permission to plant flowers?

A Generally, flowers can be planted without permission. The homeowner is responsible for their upkeep, watering and removal when plants have died because our landscape company is not contracted for gardening. Empty flowerpots must be stored out of sight in such a way that water does not accumulate as a breeding ground for mosquitoes, especially during the summer.

Q Who is responsible for fixing problems with the pavers in my driveway caused by tree roots?

A The homeowner is responsible for all driveway upkeep except for weeds. Our landscape company has a schedule for spraying driveways for weeds.

Root intrusion can result in unsafe, overturned or uneven walkways or driveways and must be repaired for safety and insurance reasons. This is a homeowner's responsibility. A licensed contractor should be contacted and will probably offer two solutions. There is a short-term fix and a more expensive long-term fix which is more costly but recommended.

Q My driveway is turning black from something dropping from the trees. Who takes care of this ?

A Homeowners are responsible for cleaning their driveways.

Q Who takes care of the trees?

Tree maintenance is the Association's responsibility; hardwood trees and palms are pruned on a regular basis, inspected regularly for insects or disease and treated if possible.

Dead or diseased trees must be removed by the homeowner at the homeowner's expense. A *Request for Modification to Landscape* form must be completed and sent to a member of the Architecture/Landscape committee. Both the Baycrest Board and Pelican Landing must approve tree removal and replacement before work can begin.

Q Who takes care of bushes and shrubs ?

A Our landscape company is responsible for general maintenance of all bushes and shrubs and is contracted for scheduled trimming, pruning and hard cuts in the spring. Hard cuts in late spring may look awful but are necessary for plant health and survival.

The Baycrest contract with our landscape company states that "pruning shall be performed as required to maintain the natural shape and plant palette characteristics" which protects the health and increases the survival rate of our plantings.

The Association is responsible for mulching all plant beds. Pelican Landing does not permit red mulch, white rock or shells in beds that are visible from the street.

Our landscape company has been directed to remove small dead bushes but generally, removal of dead shrubs and bushes is the homeowner's responsibility as is replacement of dead bushes and shrubs. A *Request for Modifications to Landscape* must be completed and sent to the Architecture/Landscape Committee for permission to remove and/or replace bushes and shrubs.

Q Am I required to replace a tree that has been removed?

A Often yes, but sometimes no if the decision not to replace a tree is made by both Baycrest and Pelican Landing. Homeowner should contact a member of the Architecture/Landscape Committee if a tree needs removal. There are different rules for palm trees and hardwood trees.

Q What should I do if my irrigation seems not to be working?

A An irrigation maintenance repair refers to work needed to maintain current irrigation functioning and is the responsibility of the Association. Any irrigation maintenance problem must be called in or emailed to our property manager at Gulf Breeze, our management company, to be put on the irrigation repair schedule. Gulf Breeze is authorized to approve and submit a work order for repairs. A break in the irrigation line constitutes an emergency and will be handled as immediately as possible.

Q **When is irrigation work done at the homeowner's expense ?**

A A homeowner who wishes to modify, add to, move or replace their irrigation system would do so at the homeowner's expense. Since adequate irrigation must be in place to insure survival of new landscaping, a review of irrigation coverage is highly recommended before landscaping is put in. Greenscapes is the only company who can handle any repairs and modifications to the irrigation system. Our service representative, Justin Lucas, can be contacted through Greenscapes' main number (239) 643 4471 for an irrigation proposal.

Q **How do the irrigation timers work ?**

A The timer boxes for the irrigation system are owned by the Association and are carefully synchronized by our landscape company to provide needed pressure for irrigating all of the Baycrest community. Homeowners are not to change anything on any timer because doing so affects irrigation pressure for other homeowners and our common property. The Baycrest irrigation schedule is subject to Pelican Landing regulations.