

# **LANDSCAPING GUIDELINES FOR BARRINGTON TOWNHOMES**

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The Board of Directors (BOD) have established the following landscaping guidelines for Barrington Townhomes:

## **1. PRUNING PLANTS, SHRUBS and BUSHES**

Homeowners have the option to do their own pruning of the EXISTING plants and shrubs in their front yard and manage their back yard if they prefer. Otherwise, the pruning can be done by the landscaper. Homeowners need to be notified at least 7 days prior to pruning. Homeowners that want to do their own pruning may reply to 'OPT OUT'.

## **2. MULCHING**

Mulching should be consistent throughout the community. The landscaper will apply organic, dark, hardwood mulch made from wood chips or bark with no paint, dyes or stains added. This type of mulch is very beneficial in improving soil quality by replenishing nutrients. Inferior (colored) mulches are usually made from milled lumber waste. The wood used in colored mulch is sprayed or tumbled with dye, paint, or stain to coat the wood chips, which puts toxic materials into the soil.

## **3. CRAPE MYRTLES**

The landscaper will only do light pruning by thinning out areas with too many branches, as needed. The best time to prune crape myrtles is in late February just before new spring growth begins.

## **4. CHEMICAL TREATMENTS and AERATINGS**

Homeowners need to be notified at least 3 days prior to chemical treatments and aeratings.

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