



## **CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE UTILITY SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT LANDSCAPE POLICY**

### **General Requirements**

This policy applies to landscaping in any Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department (PSLUSD) utility easement or near a PSLUSD facility, either above or below ground.

All landscaping within (PSLUSD) utility easements shall comply with Chapter 154 of the City's Code of Ordinances and PSLUSD Utility Standards, Details and Policies.

No landscaping shall be planted in such a manner as to adversely affect utility installation, operation and maintenance.

All existing and proposed underground utility mains, appurtenances, and easements must be shown on the landscape plans.

Berms and structural landscape features such as rock, foundations, sculpture, decorative walls and tree wells are generally not allowed in PSLUSD easements, but may be reviewed on a case by case basis.

All measurements are from outside to outside, not centerline to centerline. Example: outside of pipe to nearest point on tree trunk.

Trees shall not be planted within 10 feet of any PSLUSD mains or appurtenances, except as allowed hereunder.

No landscaping other than sod grasses may be planted within a 5' radius maintenance area of any PSLUSD appurtenance such as water meters, backflow devices, fire hydrants, sanitary sewer cleanouts, and manholes, air release valves, etc.

### **Easement and Utility Area Landscaping.**

In locations where the perimeter landscape buffers must be designed to be located in utility easements due to site constraints, the following list of trees, palm trees and shrubs may be used in these areas to meet the landscape buffer requirements. Listed trees and palm trees may be planted not less than 7 feet from the underground PSLUSD infrastructure. The remainder of the landscape strip shall be planted with grass, approved shrubs and ground cover.

<b>Trees</b>	
Pigeon Plum	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>
Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
Weeping Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Pendula'
Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>
Japanese Privet Tree	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
Simpson's Stopper	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>
Jerusalem Thorn	<i>Parkinsonia aculeate</i>
Tallowwood Plum	<i>Ximenia Americana</i>
Wild Lime	<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>

<b>Palm Trees</b>	
Chinese Fan Palm	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>
European Fan Palm	<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>
Windmill Palm	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>
Pindo Palm	<i>Butia capitata</i>
Ponytail Palm	<i>Beaucamea recurvata</i>
Florida Thatch Palm	<i>Thrinax radiata</i>

<b>Shrubs</b>	
American Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i> L.
Apple, seven year	<i>Casasia clusiifolia</i>
Boxthorn	( <i>Severinia buxifolia</i> )
Boxwood	( <i>Buxus microphylla</i> )
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Cardboard Palm	<i>Zamia maritima</i>
Christmas Berry	( <i>Lycium carolinianum</i> )
Coco Plum	( <i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i> )
Coontie	( <i>Zamia floridana</i> )
Crown of Thorns	( <i>Euphorbia mili</i> )
Dwarf Palmetto	<i>Sabal minor</i>
Dwarf Poinciana	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrime</i>
Dwarf Schefflera	( <i>Scheffalera arboricola</i> )
Dwarf Yaupon	( <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> , 'Stokes Dwarf' or 'Nana')
Fakahatchee Grass	( <i>Tripsacum suspensum</i> )
Firebush	( <i>Hamelia patens</i> )
Firethorn, Red	( <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> )
Florida Privet	( <i>Forestiera segregate</i> )
Glossy abelia	( <i>Abelia</i> × <i>grandiflora</i> )
Golden Dewdrop	( <i>Duranta erecta</i> )
Indian Hawthorne	( <i>Raphiolipis indica</i> )
Jasmine, primrose	( <i>Jasminum mesnyi</i> )

Juniper, Chinese	( <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> )
Juniper, Pftizer	( <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Pftizeriana')
Lyonia, Rusty	( <i>Lyonia ferruginea</i> )
Macho Fern	( <i>Nephrolepis biserrata</i> )
Mound Lily	( <i>Yucca gloriosa</i> )
Myrsine	( <i>Rapanea punctata</i> )
Oleander	( <i>Nerium oleander</i> )
Pampas Grass	( <i>Cortaderia selloana</i> )
Pittosporum	( <i>Pittosporum tobira</i> )
Plumbago	( <i>Plumbago auriculata</i> )
Sand Cordgrass	( <i>Spartina bakeri</i> )
Sandankwa Viburnum	( <i>Viburnum suspensum</i> )
Saw Palmetto	( <i>Serenoa repens</i> )
Star Jasmine	( <i>Jasminum nitidum</i> )
Sweet Viburnum	( <i>Viburnum odoratissimum</i> )
Sea Oxeye Daisy	( <i>Borrichia arborescens</i> )
Spanish Bayonet	( <i>Yucca aloifolia</i> )
Texas Sage	( <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> )
Turk's-cap	( <i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i> )
Walter's Viburnum	( <i>Viburnum obovatum</i> )
Wax myrtle	( <i>Myrica cerifera</i> )
Wild Olive	( <i>Osmanthus americanus</i> )

### **Groundcover**

Most groundcovers not considered a prohibited or invasive plant by the Florida Department of Agriculture as listed in Florida Statutes 581, section 5B-57.007 Noxious Weed List are approved.

### **Vines**

Most vines not considered a prohibited or invasive plant by the Florida Department of Agriculture as listed in Florida Statutes 581, section 5B-57.007 Noxious Weed List are approved.