

Research was conducted reviewing the landscaping codes of several cities in Utah County. Some of the noteworthy code follows:

Mapleton

1. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the developer of a subdivision, the homeowner, within one calendar year of receiving a certificate of occupancy, must provide landscaping.
2. A landscape plan shall be submitted with a building permit application detailing how the proposed landscaping will comply with this section. This section shall apply to all new subdivision lots

Payson

1. Landscaping is required prior to certificate of occupancy.
2. Installation of an automatic sprinkler system required.
3. Between November 1 and April 1 when weather prohibits completing landscaping the city requires a performance guarantee. The work must be done by June 1, otherwise the matter is turned over to the City Attorney's Office for legal remedies, which may include the forfeit of all or a portion of the posted guarantee

Santaquin

1. All new and reconstructed landscaping for public agency projects, private nonresidential projects, developer installed landscaping in multi-family residential projects, and developer installed landscaping in single-family projects, require a landscape plan.
2. The landscape plan shall be prepared by a landscape architect registered in the state of Utah or professional landscape designer.
3. All landscape work must be installed prior to a certificate of occupancy of the associated building.
4. Trees must be 2.0-inch caliper
5. No landscaping code appears to apply to a single-family residence, not part of a development.

Saratoga Springs

1. All residential lots shall have the front yard, and side-street yards for corner lots, landscaped within one year, and interior side and back yards within two years after (whichever is less restrictive) of receiving a Certificate of Occupancy
2. All single-family residential structures shall be exempt from preparing and submitting a landscape plan
3. Weeds, dead vegetation, fruit trees, fruit and vegetable gardens, gravel, asphalt, concrete, and large boulders are prohibited in park strips.

Spanish Fork

1. All single-family residential lots shall have the front yard, side-street yards for corner lots and park strips landscaped within one year of receiving a certificate of occupancy. Interior side and back yards must be landscaped within two years of receiving a certificate of occupancy.
2. In order to ensure landscaping requirements are met, Spanish Fork City shall require applicants to provide a deposit with the construction of new homes. The deposit amount shall be determined in the City budget and will be returned to the property owner when the required landscaping has been installed. In the event that the required landscaping has not been installed within four (4) years after the certificate of occupancy has been issued, the deposit will be forfeited to the City.
3. All deciduous trees shall have a minimum of two (2) inch caliper trunk. All evergreen trees shall be a minimum of five (5) feet in height. 2. All shrubs shall be a minimum of one (1) gallon size.