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through the process!*

410 E. 5TH ST.

WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

Being water-wise with your landscaping is an important step to protecting our natural resources while lowering your monthly water bill. The City of Loveland encourages low water landscaping and is excited to work with Northern Water to help provide resources on low-water solutions for residents of Loveland. It's important to understand that **revision of landscape plans may require City approval** prior to the start of any on site work. Planners in the Current Planning Division should be consulted early in the process.

Landscaped common areas within Loveland neighborhoods and commercial areas have been approved through the subdivision and zoning process. While the City of Loveland supports Northern Water's Water Efficiency and Grant programs, the City retains authority over these shared landscaped areas. Consequently, changes to these areas must undergo a standardized plan amendment process.



HOW DO I AMEND MY LANDSCAPE PLAN WITH THE CITY?

Obtaining approval of an amended landscape plan will take some time, thoughtful planning, technical expertise and an application to the City of Loveland, including the payment of an application fee. Understanding the needed steps will save time and effort, and will ultimately lead to a smooth review process.

✓ REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE PLAN APPROVAL:

- Contact the Current Planning office** to discuss the project scope and the process required for approval. It is best to contact a planner in the fall for a spring retrofit.
- If required, **submit a formal application** for plan amendment - including a detailed landscape plan
- HOAs must verify that membership has been **informed and the proposed landscape changes have board approval**
- Payment of an application fee; typically **\$400.00**
- In most cases, submitted **plans must be stamped and signed** by a registered Landscape Architect, Landscape installers and designers do not have the required credentials to satisfy this requirement
- Talk to a **Landscape Architect** early, as they will not sign and submit plans developed by others
- The City **approval process typically can take 4-6 months** following the submittal of a complete application. Oftentimes, plans must be adjusted to achieve compliance with City standards.

WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING RESOURCES

CITY OF LOVELAND HYDROZONE

The Hydrozone Program promotes water-efficiency for new landscapes, redeveloped landscapes, and retrofits of existing landscapes. The program encourages efficiency through design, installation, and maintenance of lower water use landscapes.

The Hydrozone Program, including retrofits, require a Hydrozone Plan. The plan includes irrigation and planting design that clusters plants with similar water requirements together to help conserve water. A water budget will be calculated to the specific plants under the Hydrozone Plan. The landscape design must show at least 25% reduction from the 3 acre-feet of water per acre required to irrigate Kentucky bluegrass.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This is a voluntary program available to Loveland Water and Power customers with dedicated irrigation meters for either new landscapes or for retrofitting existing landscapes. Additional criteria may be necessary to qualify.

If you are interested in the cost-saving Hydrozone Plan option, further information on the Hydrozone Program can be found at: lovgov.org/hydrozone



NORTHERN WATER

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District was created to jointly operate and maintain the federally-owned Colorado-Big Thompson Project, with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. While current and future projects drive day-to-day operations, Northern Water also provides regional leadership through water efficiency programs, data collection and delivery, source water protection and interagency cooperation.

Northern Water offers a variety of water conservation solutions including:

- Landscape Demonstrations
- Industry Training
- Irrigation Audits
- Project Grants
- Landscape Consultations

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Northern Water services more than 1 million residents within Northern Water's service area. This area encompasses 1.6 million acres in portions of eight counties: Boulder, Broomfield, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Sedgwick, Washington and Weld. Resources are available for municipalities, businesses, homeowners associations and green industry.

If you are interested in applying for a Water-Efficient Landscape Grant or requesting a consultation to review your property, additional information can be found by visiting northernwater.org.



This flyer is not intended to cover all of the City of Loveland's Landscape Amendment requirements. If you have additional questions, please contact the Current Planning Office.

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