

HERITAGE RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (HRMD)

For purposes of this discussion, we will refer to the native grass areas in the strips along the backs and sides of residents' properties as the "**greenbelt**". This space is considered the property of the Heritage Ridge Metro District and cannot be assumed to be part of a resident's property.

Rules governing the resident use of the greenbelt areas.

1. Grass clippings cannot be dumped over the fence and left to sit in piles. If the resident wants to spread the clippings in a layer no more than 1" thick over the exposed dirt areas, that will be allowed as a mulch covering. If piles of grass clippings are simply dumped, the HRMD will be forced to clean up this debris and charge the homeowner for the cost of the cleanup.
2. Tree's donated by residents for planting will only be allowed to occur where a previously planted tree existed and was removed or is dead. This is so the irrigation system can properly water the tree. See the HRMD recommended tree list for those allowed to be planted by residents. The HRMD Landscape Committee members are available when scheduled to assist in planting new trees.
3. Trees that are planted in the greenbelt in areas other than where irrigation/drip line is provided are not allowed and may be removed.
4. Noxious weeds that are growing in proximity to the resident's property can be removed and disposed of if our landscape contractor has failed to spray or remove them in a timely manner. Disposal should not be cutting down and leaving them in the greenbelt as that will leave potential for the seeds or cuttings to grow back. Dispose of it in the trash.
5. Cutting of the native grass will be allowed immediately adjacent to the property owners back or side fence line but to a width no more than 3 feet. This is to allow the native grass in the center of the greenbelt to go to seed when mature and continue to populate the bare areas. (Future plans are for our landscape contractor to have the mowing of this 3-foot strip included in their contract so residents will not have to do so.)
6. Trees that are planted in the greenbelt adjacent to the property owner may require winter watering by the resident during the times when the irrigation system is turned off. (mid-October to early May). Trees that are along streets and sidewalks that belong to the HRMD will be watered by the Landscape Committee or contractor depending on available funding. The trees in the greenbelt are not accessible by vehicle in the non-irrigated months and thus, watering by the residents, while not a requirement, would be appreciated especially as you are the ones to derive enjoyment from the trees' presence. Water should be applied at a rate of 10 gallons per every inch of diameter of the tree trunk several feet off the ground.

*Revision will be letters A-Z while in draft mode.
Once finalized, they will change to Rev No. 1-###*