

As part of the [Zoning Bylaw Review Project](#), the City of Saskatoon has identified the need to review the landscaping regulations that apply to private property for commercial, institutional, industrial, mixed-use and multi-family developments.

Amendments to the landscaping regulations focus on addressing the feedback we've heard from stakeholders, as well as support the objectives and policies from the [Official Community Plan](#), the [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#), and the [Low Emissions Community Plan](#), including low impact development practices to reduce water consumption.

The items being reviewed include:

- Reorganization of the Landscaping Section of the [Zoning Bylaw](#) (Section 7) to be more user friendly, provide clarity and remove redundancies.
- Add landscaping standards to the Zoning Bylaw for artificial turf in industrial districts, hard/soft landscaping and organic mulch. Currently these topics are listed in the Landscaping Guidelines only.
- Provide flexibility for tree planting requirements where development is adjacent to boulevard trees with large canopies.
- Add tree planting requirements in rear yards where landscaping requirements apply.
- Improve flexibility for site constraints (e.g., onsite conflicts with utility easements, reduced setbacks).
- Allow for alternative landscaping practices including xeriscaping, rain gardens and bioswales.
- Provide additional flexibility for non-conforming sites in Established Neighbourhoods, C.N. Industrial Area and the Airport Business Area (e.g., change of use, additions).
- Amend the growing season in the Zoning Bylaw to align with the City of Saskatoon's Parks Department growing season.
- Update screening requirements for waste and recycling containers.

The Zoning Bylaw does not regulate landscaping for one-unit, two-unit, and semi-detached dwellings, so landscaping requirements for these forms of development are not included in this review.

The [Landscape Guidelines](#) will also be updated to reflect the Zoning Bylaw amendments noted above and provide additional clarity. These Guidelines are a companion document to the Zoning Bylaw.

These amendments are anticipated to go to City Council in fall of 2021. To provide feedback on the proposed landscaping amendments, send an email to zoningbylaw@saskatoon.ca. For more information on the Zoning Bylaw Review Project, visit saskatoon.ca/engage/zoning-bylaw-review.

