

Parkway Trees

The City of Fountain Valley has been named a "Tree City USA" city because of its commitment to its community forest. As part of this commitment, the City requires a tree to be included in the plan for parkway landscape improvements. If there is not an existing parkway tree, residents may purchase one of 21 authorized parkway trees from the City for \$35, which includes planting it. The list of authorized trees is available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.fountainvalley.ca.gov. Call 714-593-4433 to request a tree.

New parkway trees should be planted near the center of the parkway, halfway between the curb and sidewalk, and at least ten feet from driveways, streetlights, property lines, and fire hydrants. If pavers are being used, a border equal to the width of the parkway should be left around the tree. Only authorized trees are allowed to be planted in the parkway.



Plant Materials

In the interest of water conservation, residents are encouraged to make use of drought-tolerant plants in the parkway. Some examples to consider are:

- Yarrow
- Coyote Bush
- Blue Fescue
- Strawberry
- Ice Plant
- Agave
- Manzanita
- Artemisia
- Rockrose
- Cottleaster
- Live Forever

For more drought-tolerant plants, visit www.ocwatersmart.com.



Water Efficiency Rebates

The City offers a variety of rebates and programs through the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC) to help residents reduce their water use and save money. Rebates for turf removal, rotating sprinkler nozzles, smart irrigation timers, spray to drip irrigation systems and more are available. However, funding is limited and may run out at any time. Visit www.ocwatersmart.com for details.



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► Residential Parkway Landscaping

The purpose of this brochure is to provide residents with information about landscape improvements that are allowed within the part of the street right-of-way called the parkway. The term "parkway" refers to the area between the curb and the sidewalk that is typically landscaped.

What You Need to Know Before Getting Started

- Parkway landscaping may include turf, drought-tolerant plants, synthetic turf and other permeable materials.
- At least 50% of the parkway area must be covered with approved living plant material or synthetic turf. Living plant material must be planted at a spacing that will allow for coverage of the required area within 18 months of planting. No bare dirt is allowed.
- Stepping stones or decorative pavers must be pervious and not exceed more than 50% of the parkway area.
- Plants must not obscure the line of sight for traffic or obstruct the sidewalk.
- Landscaping shall be continuously maintained free of weeds, debris, litter and temporary signage. Mulch and plants must be kept off the street and sidewalk.
- The soil surface shall be 1/2 – 1 inch below the curb and sidewalk to allow for mulch to be contained.
- Fences, mailboxes, decorative rocks, gravel, concrete, colored mulch, thorny plants, and/or vegetable gardens are not allowed in the parkway.
- All irrigation must adhere to the City of Fountain Valley Standard Plans which are available at City Hall and online at www.fountainvalley.ca.gov.

- Residents who are making landscape improvements to the parkway are required to have a parkway tree. Only authorized parkway trees are allowed to be planted in the parkway.



- Residents are required to get an Encroachment Permit before starting to work in the parkway.

How to Get an Encroachment Permit

The parkway is part of the public right-of-way which means that it is subject to special restrictions that ensure public access and safety. To make sure that these restrictions are followed, the City of Fountain Valley requires that residents get an Encroachment Permit before starting to work in the parkway.

- Encroachment Permit forms are available at City Hall or on the City's website at www.fountainvalley.ca.gov. The resident and contractor, if one is being used, both need to complete and sign the form. The contractor must have a

valid CA contractor's license, have a Fountain Valley business license and provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance that names the City of Fountain Valley as an additional insured. (Please note that a licensed contractor is required for the installation of artificial turf.)

- The completed form and a design plan needs to be submitted to the Public Works Department in City Hall. The design plan for the parkway needs to show the types of landscape materials to be used, quantities and locations.
- The Encroachment Permit will be issued after all necessary information has been provided and the fee of \$259 for the Encroachment Permit has been paid. If the parkway improvements support water conservation, the City Council has voted to waive the fee.

After the project has been completed, the resident needs to call the Public Works Inspector to schedule a final inspection.

Call Dig Alert at 1-800-227-2600

Before You Dig

Be safe! Always call Dig Alert before you dig anywhere, even if it is on your own property or in your backyard.