



Landscaping

The City of Middleton has established landscaping requirements to preserve and maintain vegetation within in a manner that promotes the natural resource protection, aesthetic, and public health goals of the City. Here are the answers to a few of the most frequently asked questions:

What do these requirements apply to?

The requirements only apply to new developments or expansions that require site plan approval. Existing buildings and paved areas are exempt.

The Plan Commission and Zoning Administrator may make exemptions and alterations for unique circumstances. Please see section 10.08.30 for further details.

How do the landscaping requirements work?

The City of Middleton uses a points based system to determine if landscape requirements have been met. Landscaping shall be provided based on the requirements for building foundations, paved areas, street frontages, yards, and bufferyards, as described in section 10.08.30. Landscape points used to meet one requirement (e.g. building foundations, paved areas, street frontages, yards, or bufferyards) shall not be used to meet another requirement.

The City of Middleton has provided a Landscaping Checklist to assist with understanding the requirements and calculating the landscaping points for your project based on the plant classifications used. Additional standards for measuring and calculating these points are described in section 10.08.30

What elements are required in a landscaping plan?

The applicant shall provide a digital copy of a landscaping plan. The plan shall be drawn at a reasonable scale to clearly delineate the landscape improvements and depict the following, at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator:

- (1) The name and address of the developer/owner, architect/designer name, date of plan preparation, date and description of all revisions, name of project or development, scale of plan, and north point indication.
- (2) All property lines and easements.
- (3) Zoning of the subject property and abutting properties.
- (4) The location, dimensions, and minimum clearance requirements per Chapter 20 of the City of Middleton Municipal Code of all existing and proposed structures, parking lots, driveways, roads, underground utilities, right-of-way, sidewalks, ground signs, refuse disposal areas, fences, freestanding electrical equipment and other utility boxes, and other freestanding structural features.

- (5) The location and contours of all proposed berms at 2-foot intervals; elevations of gutters or swales; locations of inlets, catch basin, storm sewers, and all other wet utilities; and direction of drainage.
- (6) The location, size, and type (common and scientific) of all existing plant material on the site and designation of all trees and shrubs to be saved and/or removed.
- (7) The location, quantity, size at planting, and type (common and scientific) of all proposed plant material. All plants shall be drawn at the spread they will achieve at maturity.
- (8) The number of landscaping points for all plant material.
- (9) Details of refuse disposal area screening and mechanical equipment and utility screening.
- (10) Linear feet of the new/expanded building foundation and street frontage.
- (11) Square footage of the total lot and new/expanded paved area.

These [Landscaping Diagrams](#) serve as examples for City requirements and interpretation of the requirements specific to each individual site area .

Additional questions?

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