

CITY	Indian Wells	Cathedral City	Coachella	Desert Hot Springs	Indio	La Quinta	Palm Desert	Palm Springs	Rancho Mirage
<i>Do you currently have a permitting process for front yard landscaping?</i>	Yes. Landscape permit required for any new landscape adjacent to a roadway or open space, public or private, Replacing or modifying existing hardscape or landscape in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet;	No. Landscaping for commercial or specific plan developments done in entitlement phase.	Over the Counter	No permits are required unless it is the Common Area of an HOA. 10% or more change of landscaping requires review	Whenever there is substantial modifications being made to a property or during a new commercial or residential developments.	a total project landscape area equal to or greater than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet AND requiring a building permit	Yes	Required for new construction of landscape areas of 500 SF or more; rehab landscape projects of 2,500 SF or more; and new SFR subdivisions that include developer-installed front/side yard landscape areas.	Yes, Minor Modification permit. Any change to a pre-approved landscaping project.
<i>Does it require submitting plans?</i>	Yes – Landscape plans drafted by professional	No	Basic Exhibit, staff often assists	No. If 10% or more change	No	Yes. When a permit is required.	Yes	No. Provide policy guidelines for types of plants and planting aesthetics.	Yes, simple landscape plan required; does not have to be drafted by professional
<i>Does the City require a minimum landscape coverage amount</i>	20% maximum rock or bare earth. Minimum 2-24" box trees and 1- 36" box tree.	50% of the front yard. 50% MINIMUM of the front yard shall be native and/or drought tolerant materials. Turf 50% MAXIMUM.	A minimum 1- 24" box shade tree and 1-15 gallon shade tree. Turf or sod is limited to a MAXIMUM of 50% of the total front yard.	Groundcover. 100% coverage within 1 year. Decorative shale/gravel/crushed rock may also be used as groundcover, which must also include vegetative groundcover.	50% drought tolerant and native species not including hardscape areas. No turf allowed unless in recreation areas.	Turf limited to no more than 50% of any project's total landscape area. Turf discouraged at locations having limited visibility.	No coverage requirement but require at least two (2) 24" box trees in front yard.	15% MAXIMUM turf.	No Coverage requirement. Minimum of one 36" box tree and two 24" box trees for residential lots. 60% of all shrubs are to be 5 gallons and the rest may be 1 gallon for other lots.
<i>Does City issue permits at staff level or committee (or higher) level?</i>	Staff Level	Staff level	Staff Level	No Permit	Staff Level	Not for SFR; only for New Project/Tract	Staff level	Architectural review when required	Staff level
<i>What is the Fee, if any?</i>	Turf Removal – Free Staff Review - \$463.84	None	No fee	None	None	None for SFR; \$1,450 for New Project/Tract	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
<i>Does City Code Enforcement currently pursue "brown lawn" violations?</i>	No	No	No	No	Not Provided	Not Provided	Not specifically for brown lawn, but generally for front yard upkeep	Currently, not pursuing brown lawn violations	Turf may go brown, but all trees and shrubs must be kept healthy. Encourage homeowners to take advantage of their turf removal program.
<i>Does the City have any incentives or rebate programs available to residents for turf removal?</i>	Yes, \$3/ sq. ft. residential up to \$300K. \$1/ sq ft up to \$200K.	Yes, up to a maximum of \$500	Not Provided	No	Not Provided	No.	There is a turf rebate program, but funds are currently exhausted	Yes. \$3 per square foot of turf removal up to \$5,000 per project.	Yes, \$1 per square foot for SFR up to \$1000. Also offer \$5,000 per HOA project and \$5,000 for commercial