



# Soldotna Residential Landscape Standards (1, 2, or 3 Units)

Municipal Code 17.10.335

**Why is residential landscaping required?** Landscaping in residential areas promotes a tree canopy and natural areas within neighborhoods, which benefits the City's character, property values, water and air quality, habitat for wildlife and plants, and general quality of life.

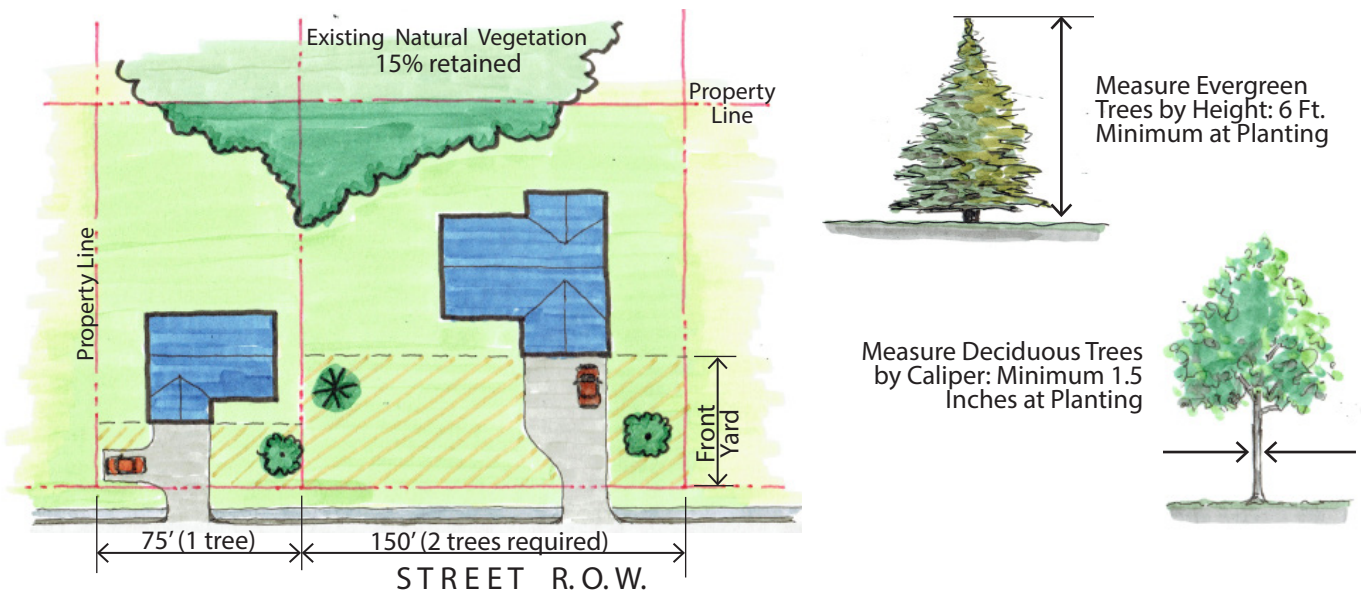
**When is residential landscaping required?** All new single-family, two-family (duplex), and three-family (triplex) developments must meet these standards. Residential dwellings or apartments larger than a triplex follow a different set of landscape standards.

## What is required in residential landscaping?

**Trees:** For every 100 feet of right-of-way (street) frontage, at least 1 tree must be retained or planted in the front yard. Corner lots fronting two rights-of-way (ROW) must include 1 tree per 100 feet on both frontages. Evergreen trees must be at least 6 feet in height; deciduous trees must be at least 1.5 inches in caliper (diameter).

**Ground Cover:** Exposed soils are not permitted -- all residential lots must have an established lawn, sod, or ground cover.

**Retention of Vegetation:** All undeveloped lots, or lots in the process of being developed, must maintain a certain amount of vegetation on the property. For lots less than 40,000 square feet, 15 percent of existing vegetation must be preserved. For lots 40,000 square feet or larger, 20 percent of existing vegetation must be preserved.



## Additional Resources:

- Read the City Landscape Code at [soldotna.org/code](http://soldotna.org/code) (Section 17.10.335)
- Contact the Planning Department at 907-262-9107 or [planning@soldotna.org](mailto:planning@soldotna.org)