

# PARKWAY LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

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As a property owner, it is your responsibility to maintain the parkway in front of your house. The Temple City Municipal Code requires that you maintain it free of obstructions, but it leaves the creativity up to you in deciding how to landscape it. Here are some guidelines to follow, when designing your landscape plan:

### Go Water-Wise

California is in a drought, and that means everyone should be doing their part to reduce their water usage. Since landscaping consumes such a large amount of water, install plants that consume less water. The possibilities are endless! To get started check out this drought tolerant garden handbook printed by the County of LA: [http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/green\\_drought-tolerant-garden.pdf](http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/green_drought-tolerant-garden.pdf)

### Dig Up The Grass

Why spend countless hours mowing, watering, and fertilizing something that wastes water and does very little to increase your home's curb appeal? There are many groundcovers and plants that are both low-maintenance and highly attractive. Check out the Metropolitan Water District's page, [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com), for ideas.

### Promote Good Drainage

At least 75% of your parkway should remain permeable and 50% should contain landscaping. This doesn't mean that you can't use hardscaping, but it should be carefully laid out so that rainwater can be absorbed into the ground. Bare ground is discouraged.

### Be A Good Neighbor

Consider how your parkway design will effect other residents and visitors. Leave space for parked cars to open their doors (18" is best). Provide a walking path from the street to the sidewalk if you decide to lanscape the parkway with plants.

### Keep It Safe

Be sure to keep all plants at a maximum height of 24". This is to ensure good visibility from the street and to prevent hazards. Plants with thorns or rough edges are to be avoided.



For more info, see back side for a sample plan.



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# Sample Parkway Landscaping Plan

Keep plants at least 26" away from the base of street trees. Tree roots should not be disturbed.

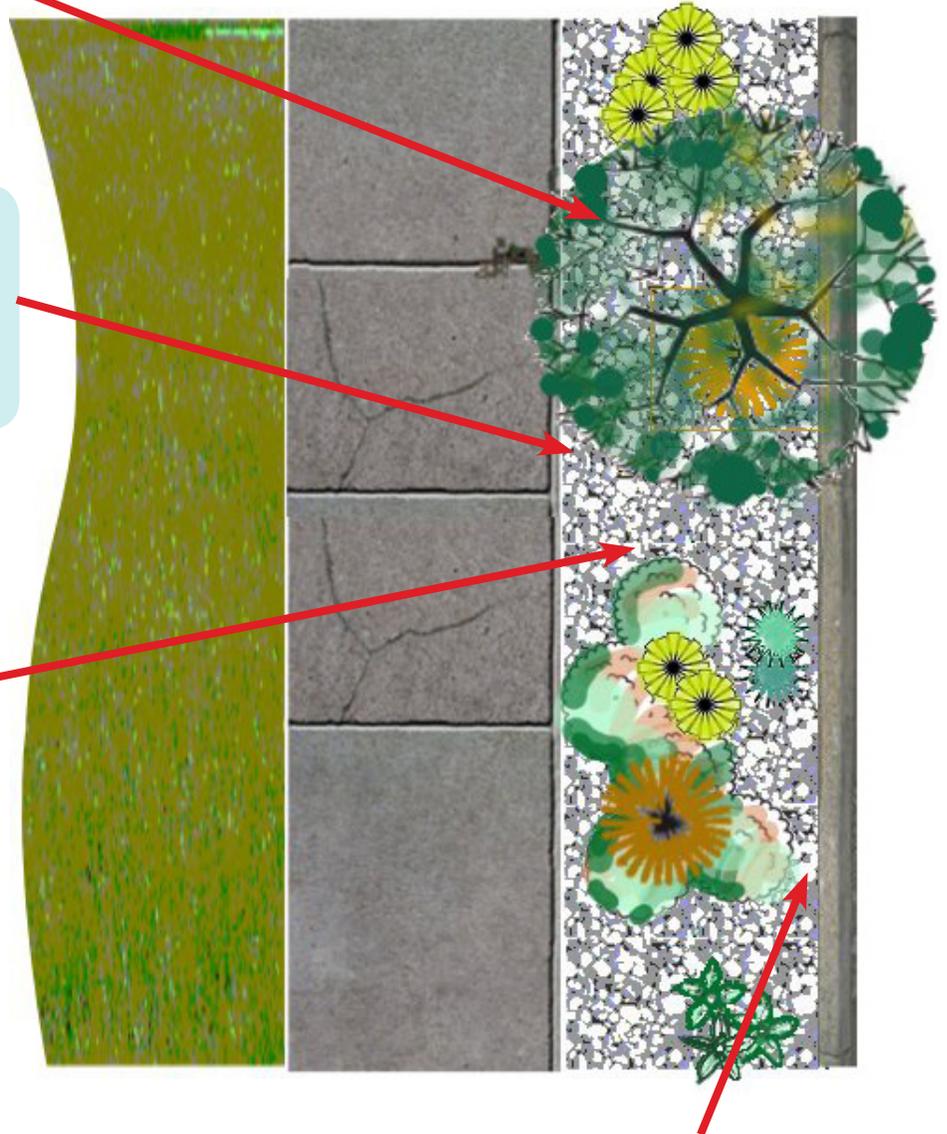
Sprinkler over-spray should be avoided. Narrow parkways should be watered by hose, drip system, or "weeping" hose.

At least 75% of the parkway should be permeable to allow for water-retention. 50% of the parkway should include landscaping.

Maintain a passageway from the curb to the sidewalk for accessibility (this only applies to non-turf landscapes). The entire parkway grading should be level.

**A permit is not required for small plants and other minor landscaping improvements in your parkway. Contact the City if you want to plant trees or install hardscaping.**

Maintain an 18" border along the curb to allow vehicle doors to be opened/closed. low-growing plants are ideal in this area.



Have additional questions?  
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