

In the summer of 2009 the Board voted to use the following shrubs for replacement of dead or dying shrubs in the neighborhood. These are drought resistant shrubs and can take full sun and also grow well in shaded areas. All plants and the tree will not have to be topped due to their maximum height at maturity. **Shrubs will be purchased in 2 to 3 gallon containers only. Tree will be purchased in 5 gallon container.**

Curley Leaf Ligustrum: Curley Leaf of this shrub is more compact and best suited for areas where it can grow to it's maximum height of 6 feet. The shrub has dark leaves.

Holly Compacta: Good fit for under windows and areas that need a shrub that grows to a maximum height of 4 feet. It has medium green leaves.

Otto Lukyen: Good fit for under windows and areas that need a shrub that grows to a maximum height of 4 feet. The leaves are lighter green than the Ligustrum and darker green than the Compacta. This shrub has small white flowers.

Crimson Ruby Barberry: Good for accent to the above plants. It grows to a maximum height of 2 feet. The leaves are crimson.

Harbor Belle Nandina: Good replacement for existing Nandinas that need to be replaced or other areas unit owners wish to have this shrub. It is bushy, not leggy, and will grow to a height of 4 feet.

Weeping Japanese Maple: This tree is a crimson color which offers contrast. Maximum growth is 6 feet and it has a minimal root system. Best to be used in small areas.

The first year shrub(s) are planted, unit owners are responsible to water their new shrubs on a regular basis. There should not be any trimming or pruning the first year. Our lawn maintenance providers should be pruning these shrubs, not topping.

Instructions for planting of shrubs: Shrubs and Trees are best planted or transplanted in the spring rather than the fall. Ideally in April. Dig a hole 2" deeper than the shrub container and 2 to 3 times larger than the diameter of the container. Loosen soil and mix the soil with potting mix that has 3 month slow release fertilizer. After planting, mulch with 2-3" of pine needles or cover well with wood chips. These instructions were taken from the *Piedmont Gardeners Almanac* NC State University and A&T State University Cooperative Extension.

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