



## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PLAN

Aquidneck Centre – 99 East Main Road Middletown, RI

### Spring Clean-up

Mechanically thatch all ornamental lawn areas, remove debris throughout the landscape, weed all garden beds, edge all previously edged garden beds, cutback remaining perennials, clear all hardscapes of debris, and prune any broken or winter damaged branches. All debris generated to be removed and disposed of offsite or a designated area on site.

### Leaf Mulch Installation

Furnish and install a composted leaf mulch blend, or approved equal, to previously mulched garden beds.

### Weekly Horticultural Maintenance of Garden Beds

Horticultural fertilization of perennials and/or small shrubs, dead heading flowers, light aesthetic pruning of shrubs to maintain shape, weed management, water management of landscaped areas, training of climbing or trailing plants, policing of landscaped areas to clean recently fallen debris, pest and disease monitoring, and fall cutbacks of perennials as necessary. Any plant losses or materials in the original design should be replaced unless there is an acceptable extenuating circumstance or unless the filling in of other existing plants in the plan make replacement unnecessary.

Horticultural maintenance generally begins in the end of April or the beginning of May and extend to the middle or end of October with an additional time spent in late fall for perennial cutbacks. Occurrence should be twice per week or as necessary to keep the beds properly maintained. At no point should landscape fabric be used as weed control in beds. Any chemical applications should be applied by a licensed applicator.

### Seasonal Pruning

Pruning of shrubs and small ornamental trees at the appropriate time during the growing season. This will typically occur in June through August. Flowering shrubbery that needs pruning should be pruned within 2 weeks after blooming. Pruning of material will be completed based on normal growth habits of the plant unless previously discussed or requested. All debris generated to be removed and disposed of offsite, or a designated area on site.

### Fall Cleanup

Removal of leaf debris within ornamental lawn areas and garden beds. Full leaf cleanups generally occur every 2-3 weeks typically starting in early November and extend through mid-December.

## Plant Health Care Applications:

### Insect Treatment

Spray, soil drench, or systemic bark applications completed in early spring and mid spring in order to help prevent potential damage to emerging foliage from winter moth, gypsy moth, shot hole leaf miner damage, magnolia scale, tulip scale, poplar scale, rhododendron scale, and/or black vine weevil. Application method dependent on plant material. Recommended minimum of 2 applications per season.

### Deer Repellent Application

Spray application to better control deer browsing on applicable plant material. 12 applications are recommended throughout applicable time periods of the growing and dormant season are necessary for acceptable control. Additional spray applications can be completed if needed.

### Deep Root Fertilizer Application

Deep root fertilizer is a soil drench/root injection which is performed in late fall. This allows the tree to store up the nutrients before going dormant, which helps increase vigor and overall plant health the following spring. Primarily target ornamental and focal trees on the property.

### Anti-Desiccant Application

Foliar application of anti-desiccant completed in late fall on broadleaf evergreen trees and shrubs in order to help prevent moisture loss and desiccant through harsh winter conditions.