

VALLEY CROSSING

Middletown, RI

Annual Care Plan

ALL SEASONS

- ✦ Prune shrubs to rejuvenate.
- ✦ Prune trees and shrubs for dead, diseased, broken and weak attachments.
- ✦ Remove weeds from all shrub beds and mulched areas around trees.
- ✦ Ensure stormwater detention culvert is kept free from debris, soil, roots and weeds to maintain integrity of the culvert.
- ✦ Remove trash and debris from meadow along drainage ditches.
- ✦ Structure prune young trees, as needed. Secure assistance of arborist, if necessary.

SPRING

- ✦ (Late winter/early spring) Cut back ornamental grasses
- ✦ Aerate all open areas (or in Fall).
- ✦ Apply soil amendments, if needed.
- ✦ Remove leaf litter from shrub beds.
- ✦ Edge and apply double-ground mulch to shrub beds so as to provide uniform coverage at depth of 2".
- ✦ Create mulch rings around trees; apply double-ground mulch at a depth of 2".
- ✦ Top dress and seed lawn areas where needed.
- ✦ Mow turf on a weekly or as needed basis.

SUMMER

- ✦ Edge and apply double-ground mulch to shrub beds so as to provide uniform coverage at depth of 2".
- ✦ Create mulch rings around trees; apply double-ground mulch at a depth of 2".
- ✦ Mow turf on a weekly or as needed basis.
- ✦ Monitor soils for moisture. Pre-empt drought stress with irrigation, if necessary.

FALL

- ✦ Remove all spontaneous woody weeds from detention basin, shrub beds and around base of trees.
- ✦ Aerate all open areas (or in Spring).
- ✦ Apply soil amendments, if needed.
- ✦ Top dress and seed lawn areas where needed.

WINTER

- ✦ Remove all spontaneous woody weeds from shrub beds and around base of trees.
- ✦ Remove basal sprouts from trees, as appropriate; secure assistance from arborist, if necessary.
- ✦ Monitor and spray shrubs for rodent damage.
- ✦ Clear debris and overgrowth to maintain storm water drainage.
- ✦ Cut back all herbaceous material.