

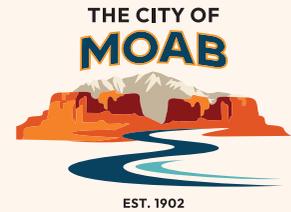
Local Landscapes

In Moab, we value and protect water. Since 2016, the average person here uses 16% less water for household tasks. Maintaining a landscape is among these tasks. They provide shade, manage stormwater, protect from fires, prevent erosion, and grow native plants. And, locally adapted landscapes can save residents and businesses money on water bills by using two-thirds less water than a typical landscape. Moab's updated code encourages these benefits when people are making changes. For the full details, refer to Moab Municipal Code 17.10.

Scan the QR code for landscape resources, including calculators, FAQs, the Approved Plant List, and more!



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Landscape Code Update

Quick reference to
Moab City Code 17.10

LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

Some existing requirements from the previous code are still in place.

- At least 70% of the front and side yard next to the street must be landscaped.
- Landscaping must be maintained in a clean and healthful condition, which includes pruning, mowing, weeding, litter removal, fertilization, and replacing dead plants.

Additionally, landscapes will meet general standards depending on the project type.

WHEN DOES THE NEW LANDSCAPE CODE APPLY?

Existing landscapes are legal though they do not conform to code. Therefore, they only need to be modified under these circumstances:

Major Changes

Total compliance is mandatory if:

- Transformations affect 2,000 sq ft or 50% or more of the landscape.
- Exterior modifications to a dwelling that require a building permit* or a site plan.

Minor Adjustments

For changes under 50%, follow the relevant standards, e.g.

- When planting, choose approved plants.
- When mulching, refer to standard 5.

*When is a building permit required?

If you are constructing, altering, or moving a building or structure OR changing the use of land, then you need a permit (17.72.200). Most simple re-landscaping does not require a permit. If you are unsure, contact us.

GENERAL STANDARDS

- 1 Plant material
- 2 Artificial plants
- 3 Plant list
- 4 Cool Season Turf Limits
- 5 Mulch
- 6 Water Features
- 7 Hydrozoning
- 8 Irrigation System Criteria
- 9 Water Budget

To access the General Standards, scan the QR code on this brochure or visit: <https://moab.municipal.codes/17.10>

LANDSCAPING PLANS

The scale of development, redevelopment, or improvement determines the level of the landscape plan required. ALL landscaping plans must meet Standards 1-3, plus—

- **General plan**, choose between
 - **Prescriptive:** Standards 4-7, or
 - **Water budget:** Standard 9.
- **Level 1:** Standards 5-9
- **Level 2:** Standards 4-9

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Landscaping Code CHECKLIST

- Identify if you are making a change that requires code compliance.
 - If it's a major change, identify the type of Landscaping Plan required.
 - Based on the plan, identify the General Standards that apply.
- Examine the property.
 - Identify the zoning of property and neighboring properties.
 - Identify dimensions of the property, house, paving, and landscape.
- Identify existing landscaping, including trees and noxious weeds, for the plant list and plant spread calculator.
- If you need a water budget (Standard 9),
 - Identify irrigation and water needs for the water budget calculator.
- Assess the differences between the existing landscape and code.
- Plan the needed adjustments.
- Complete the submission worksheet.
- Submit your landscaping plan to the City.

Note: Some landscapes, such as food gardens, are exempt from some standards. Calculators, worksheets, and maps are available at: moabcity.org/676/Landscaping-Standards.