

Synthetic Turf Standards

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The primary purpose of these standards is to provide guidance to residential and commercial property owners who propose to install synthetic turf in front yards and side yards visible from the adjacent right-of-way.

Ordinance No. 1398 sets forth Synthetic Turf Standards and landscape requirements for synthetic turf installation. Synthetic turf material shall be installed and maintained in accordance with these standards and in a manner such that it simulates the appearance of real, well-maintained grass and drains properly.



Standards

- Lifelike individual blades shall emulate real grass in appearance and color.
- Material shall consist of cut pile polyethylene or polypropylene.
- Synthetic turf shall have a minimum pile height and face weight (density) that emulate real grass. For example, a minimum pile height of 1.75 inches and/or a face weight (density) of 60 ounces per square yard would comply with this standard.
- Synthetic turf shall be installed professionally with a proper drainage system and weed barrier.
- Synthetic turf shall be installed and maintained to simulate the appearance of a well-maintained lawn.
- Indoor or outdoor plastic or nylon carpet shall be prohibited.
- Synthetic turf shall be combined with natural plant materials to enhance landscape design.
- Synthetic turf shall have a manufacturer's warranty that protects against color fading and a decrease in pile height.