

The ARC would like to inform all VWS homeowners and lessors that beginning immediately **before any changes are made to the exterior of a home,** an ARC application should be presented to the committee. Originally, personal landscape changes could be made from the ARC Guidelines “approved list” without ARC notification. The caveat was that there were certain guides and restrictions (ARC Guideline, paragraph 2).

**Owners are going outside** the recommended plantings and adding plants not suited to the locations in which they are being planted. Because of improper planting, we now have a number of small trees that are planted nearly up against homeowner’s windows that will grow up to be large trees...We have small shrubs that have grown and are now blocking sprinkler heads, which will cause lawns opposite them to brown out and die once the rains stop...Some neighbors have plants with a spreading habit (ex.: ferns, spider plants and oyster plants) that are not approved for VWS and which are now maturing and infringing on driveways, planting beds or into lawns...We have young trees planted under eaves which will grow, disturb the soffits and could eventually hang over the roof top allowing rats to climb up the trees and drop onto the roof.

**Because of those problems we must modify the ARC Guideline.**

**We are reminding everyone to apply to the ARC before making any landscape changes.** The type of landscape shrub/plant and location desired are of main concern. Along with the “approved” plants from the ARC Guideline, we are adding: Podacarpus, Eugenia, Green island ficus, Junipers and Ilex schelling.

If changes are made without ARC approval, the ARC has the right to remove that installation and/or set fines. This is stated in the VWS Documents.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE: “WHITE STONES” ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY AREAS THAT ARE NEXT TO GRASS AREAS.** These particular stones can become missiles when hit by a lawn machine...cutting screens or hitting something. Please use “River Rock”, medium to large.

Thank you for your cooperation.