# EPGCHA PARKING STRIP LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

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#### **LAYOUT**

- 1. Start base at a depth of 4-6" below concrete to allow for coverage of irrigation tubing if used and to contain the base material used.
- 2. A weed barrier must be installed. Only the use of the fabric type of weed barrier may be used for appropriate drainage.
  - -Black plastic may not be used for a weed barrier.
  - -Hills may not be used, to insure appropriate drainage.

#### **BASE MATERIAL**

Base needs to be consistent with existing landscape. Materials that can be used are bark or rock:

- 1. Fresh or aged bark that is fine or medium sized only. No dyed bark.
- 2. Rock can be round river rock, decorative rock or lava rock.
  - -Round river rock should be approximately ½" to 2" in size.
  - -Decorative rock includes: Mexican black pebble, Pami rainbow rock, etc.
  - -Lava rock can be natural red or black rock.
  - -Pea gravel may not be used as the base material.
  - -3/4 minus or road grade rock may not be used.
  - -White silica rock may not be used. White rock of any kind may not be used.
  - -Synthetic turf may not be used.

### **LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS**

Materials used to landscape, needs to be consistent with existing landscape.

- -Must stay within the confines of the parking strip, typically strips are from 52" wide to 56" wide.
- -Plantings not to exceed 36"w x 18"h at full maturity. Must not impede the ability to open car doors.
- -Evergreen is and perennials are the only accepted landscape choices.
- Annuals may not be used.
- -Junipers or thorn bearing bushes may not be used.

#### **HARDSCAPE**

Materials used to landscape need to be consistent with existing landscape.

- -Stepping stones may be used.
- -Decorative figurines/bridges may not be used.
- -Must not impede vehicle exit.

#### REGULAR MAINTENANCE

- 1. It is the homeowner's responsibility to weed, water and otherwise maintain the parking strip to the community standard.
- 2. Weed barrier must remain covered with base material, as a part of the regular maintenance.
- 3. If irrigation tubing is used, the systems central line must remain covered with base material as a part of regular maintenance.
- 4. The homeowner must regularly trim any plantings to maintain the specified size at maturity to insure safe passage of pedestrians on the sidewalk or those entering and exiting cars.