

## **Landscaping and Maintenance Guidelines Windward Oaks**

All of us want to make our homes and neighborhood as attractive as possible and we also want to do everything possible to keep up the value of our property. Following are a few suggestions:

- Each Spring the lawn should be treated with pre-emergence weed control and fertilizer; repeat fertilizer when needed throughout the growing season
- Foundation plants should be at least 3 gal. in size and evergreen plants are most desirable
- Foundation shrubbery should be planted on all sides of the house visible from the street
- All plant beds should be kept free of weeds
- All planted beds and islands should be mulched with appropriate materials; shredded bark or pine needles are most desirable. When weed barrier ( black plastic ) is used, it should be completely covered by mulch
- Lawn should be mowed on a regular basis and edged along the curbing
- Dead trees and shrubbery should be removed in a timely fashion
- Air Conditioners and other utilities should be hidden within a fenced area by a plant screen
- Garbage cans should be out of sight except on days of trash pick up
- Wood Fences should be properly maintained so that they remain attractive
- Mailboxes should be freshly painted and in good repair
- Owners should take the appropriate steps to minimize rust stains on driveways, walks, and curbs
- Be a good neighbor! Work together on "lot line issues" and lend a helping hand to your neighbor!

Any time a resident wants advice on plant selection or landscaping ideas, just contact any member of the Landscaping Committee.