



AVIAN PLACE LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES FOR REPLACING MULCH WITH RIVER ROCK

AVIAN PLACE HOMEOWNERS

Our Landscaping Committee has provided some insightful information regarding the choice between mulch and rock for your landscaping needs. Please take a moment to review the following guidelines before submitting an ARC request to replace mulch with rock.

WHAT DOES YOUR SOIL PREFER

- Mulch made from organic materials like bark or wood chips decays over time, enriching the soil with nutrients.
- Mulch helps cool the soil and roots of the plants.
- Mulch helps retain water and slows down evaporation.
- Rocks do not contribute to soil health. Plants in rock beds may require additional fertilization.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING MULCH OR ROCKS

- If your landscape has trees that shed a lot of leaves and debris, rock may not be ideal as it can accumulate and become lodged between rocks.
- Rocks require a landscape fabric underneath to prevent weed growth and the subsidence of the river rock into the soil.

- Edging is necessary to maintain the appearance of rock beds and prevent rocks from migrating into turf areas.
- Flowers may not thrive in rock beds, but drought-tolerant plants like succulents typically fare well.

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1. An Avian Place ARC Landscaping form must be submitted for review and approval by the HOA Board of Directors. If using a contractor, their design must also be submitted along with proof of insurance. Please note that any changes will be at the expense of the requester.
2. When installing river rock landscaping between villa entrances, both homeowners must agree to the project and complete individual ARC Landscaping forms.
3. Ensure that the area between homes allows for commercial mowers to move freely without obstruction.
4. Contact all Utility Companies to locate utility lines before beginning the project. Sunshine 811 is a Florida free service to locate utility lines. They can be reached by dialing 811 or (800) 432-4770 or refer their website: www.sunshine811.com/mysunshine811
5. Contact Brian Orłowski with United Landscape at (239) 514-5003 for assistance in locating the sprinkler system.
6. Landscaping materials must be placed on the driveway and removed within 5 days.
7. Landscaping fabric must be placed under all river rock.
8. Use 1.5" tan-colored river rock. Examples can be found at www.bayshoreconcrete.net/shop
9. All grass borders require an edging material.
10. Displaced mulch must be relocated or disposed of properly. Do not dispose of mulch in trash/recycle containers.
11. Any bare ground exposed by the change must have sod installed at the homeowner's expense.
12. Avian Place HOA and Province Park Master HOA will not be held responsible for any disruption of utility services or damage to utility lines. The homeowner will be responsible for repairing all damage to utility or irrigation lines.
13. If pre-existing plants or trees are damaged or die due to stress from adding river rock, replacement will be at the homeowner's expense.
14. Before and after photos must be submitted to the Avian Place HOA upon project completion. Photos must be attached to the Approved Avian Place ARC Landscaping Form for future reference.

Thank you for your attention to these guidelines. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.