

Holly Hills Homeowners Association
Architectural Review Board (ARB)

Standards and Guidelines

Topic: Driveway Plants

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Annually the Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviews original landscape plantings to ensure that they are neither dead nor dying. In some cases, particularly where watering is limited, driveway plants begin to die. These plants are the responsibility of both homeowners in each building. In the neighborhood, approved driveway plants are of two types: dwarf junipers or compact hollies. The details on these plants follow. When replacing plants, please purchase **medium (12 inches) to large plants** and remember to **water frequently!**

There are six options for replacement plants:



OPTION 1 – DWARF YAUPON HOLLY

An evergreen holly that produces white flowers in spring. Produces no berries. Compact growth, drought and deer resistant – 3ft tall x 3ft wide – Can be pruned heavy in spring and summer. Full to partial sun.



OPTION 2 – DWARF FIREPOWER NANDINA

This is a very drought-, disease- and deer-resistant evergreen shrub. Compact growth 2ft tall x 2ft. wide. Rarely needing to be pruned, the foliage turns bright red in the fall. A very easy-to-care-for shrub. Sun or shade (Better in sun.)



OPTION 3 – HELLERI HOLLY

Another evergreen holly that resembles a boxwood. Produces no berries or flowers. Spreading holly, but can be pruned in spring and summer. Grows 3ft tall x 4-5ft wide. Life span is around 8 years. Full to partial sun.



OPTION 4 – DWARF JAPANESE GARDEN JUNIPER

This is a slow-growing Juniper that is very drought- and disease-resistant. Grows only 1ft tall x 3-4ft wide. Rarely needs to be pruned. Foliage is bright blue/green in throughout the spring and summer, then turning a darker blue in the fall and winter. Junipers are also deer-resistant. Full sun is best.



OPTION 5 – DWARF BARBERRY

All barberry or Berberis are deer-, heat- and diseaseresistant. They will drop their foliage in the winter, but are early to 'flush out' in spring (usually March). Requires well-drained soil to thrive. Full Sun.

There are several compact-growing barberries I would recommend. The variety **Concorde** grows 2ft tall x 2-3ft wide and has bright burgundy foliage from spring to fall.



Another great choice would be **Crimson Pygmy**. This variety is very tight and only grows 1-2ft tall x 2ft wide, it has bright red growth from spring to fall.



Lastly, the variety **Orange Rocket** is a more upright, but narrow-growing variety that would be ideal in this growing environment – 4ft tall but only 1.5ft wide, orange growth from spring to fall.



OPTION 6 – VARIEGATED LIRIOPE

This very versatile grass is very drought-tolerant and produces blue flower spikes in the early- to mid-summer period. Liriope needs to be pruned back severely in the early spring to encourage new growth for the season. They can be lightly clipped throughout the growing season (spring-fall). Sun or shade.

Many of these plants are available at local, professional nurseries such as **Anderson's Garden Center at 11250 Jefferson Ave. Newport News, VA 23601.** (Anderson's is located two miles south of Patrick Henry Mall.) **757-599-3510**