

Gabriel Commons Planting Approval Form

We appreciate homeowners who want to take an active part in the landscaping of our commons by donating plants and planting them in a common area such as the area adjacent to your unit. However, remember that anything we plant now will be here for future owners as well. We want to enhance our grounds while minimizing watering, pruning and other maintenance. Overall concerns are a) protecting our structures from falling trees and tree limbs; b) preventing invasive roots at foundations, roads or our path system; c) preventing our grounds from being overrun by invasive species; and d) preserving security and preventing fire hazards. To find out which plants are invasive and which are noninvasive, consult the website <http://www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org/>, which provides links to the useful documents *GardenSmart Oregon: A Guide to Non-Invasive Plants*; and *The Silent Invasion*. Note that these publications do not provide an exhaustive list of invasives. If you are unsure whether your plantings meet the above criteria, before proceeding please consult with the Naturescaping Committee about which plants are invasives or the GCA Board about the other concerns noted above. Contact information is given below.

Note: This form might not be required for existing plants being grandfathered in and for the planting of annuals by an owner or resident in the space adjacent to their unit. Please consult with the Board to determine whether these exceptions apply in your case.

Much of the information asked for on this form can be found at the nursery where the plant was bought, or online. Please note that any plantings in our Commons not approved by the Board may be removed if they are a threat to the concerns noted above.

Name of person donating plant(s) _____ Unit _____

Contact information: ph# _____ email: _____

What plants are you proposing to plant? [If you need more space, please write on the back.]

Common name	Genus and species	Spread by root or seed?	How tall will it get?	Plant where?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If any of the plants you are proposing are trees or shrubs, please provide a drawing that shows where they will be planted, how wide the root structure will be, and how close the trees will be to foundations and paths:

I certify the following:

- That the plants are not on the Oregon Invasive Plants List.**
- That I will personally attend to any watering and/or pruning the plants might require within the next two years.**
- That I have chosen plants that will not require watering or other care after two years.**

Signed _____ Date _____

Print this form from our website, www.gabrielcommons.org

Submission Procedure for Proposed Plantings by Gabriel Commons homeowners

(Please note that the procedure is different depending on the location of your plantings as noted below)

1. If the proposed planting is to be located in an area adjacent to your unit (except the naturescaped area next to 3851) or between units, our front entry area, or areas now covered by lawns and other nonnative species, please fill out and submit this form directly to the GCA Board by dropping it into the GCA mail slot at 3895. The Board will review it no later than their next Board meeting and will let you know the outcome soon thereafter. If located as noted above, you may skip steps 2 through 4 below as they are not necessary. Any questions? Please contact John Belknap, Board Secretary, at belknajo@comcast.net .
2. If the proposed planting is to be located in areas that have already been naturescaped (those populated with native species in relatively naturalistic settings), which includes our central area (except lawns and pool area), areas north and east of our roadway, or the naturescaped area between 3851 and the roadway, please contact the Naturescaping Committee by email (davidmartinbrady@hotmail.com and sydnewell@mac.com) to determine whether or not the Planting Approval form is needed. If needed, please put a completed Planting Approval Form into the GCA mail slot at 3895. The Board will keep the original for their records and promptly send electronic copies to all members of the Naturescaping Committee via email for their review and comments. Keep copies for your records. Incomplete forms will be returned for additional information.
3. The Naturescaping Committee reviews the completed application to ensure compatibility with the items listed on this form and makes a recommendation to the Board within 14 days from the date of receipt of the application. If there is no response within 14 days, the Board has the option of making the final decision on their own.
4. The Board then considers the application and notifies the homeowner and the Naturescaping Committee of their decision as soon as possible. When there are conflicting opinions among the parties involved, the Board is the final arbiter.