



Property Maintenance Requirements

RainSmart Rewards and RainSmart Yards program participants must adhere to the property maintenance requirements set forth by the program to comply with Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 21, Section 21-136, Overgrowth.

RainSmart Rewards and RainSmart Yards program participants are required to maintain their properties to the following standards to be considered in compliance with City Code:

1. Non-native lawn grass species, including but not limited to,
 - a. Kentucky Bluegrass
 - b. Tall Fescue
 - c. Red Fescue
 - d. Bermuda Grass
 - e. Zoysia
 - f. Crabgrassshall be maintained at no taller than ten (10) inches in height, as stated in City Code 21-136. Vegetation within water quality buffers and open-channel stormwater conveyances with a recorded easement is allowed to exceed ten (10) inches in height.
2. Native planting areas must be maintained with a clear border/edge, which can be satisfied by one of the following methods:
 - a. Mown border / edge
 - b. Installation of edging material
 - c. Masonry border (ex. stone, brick)
 - d. Wooden border (ex. wood board, logs)
 - e. Mulched border
 - f. Fence (ex. metal, wood, loop pole & rope)
3. Native planting areas must be maintained at no taller than ten (10) inches in height within two (2) feet of public right-of-ways, including
 - a. Sidewalks
 - b. Public and residential roadwaysas to maintain clear sightlines and prevent encroachment of vegetation into right-of-ways.
4. RainSmart Rewards Program participants are to follow the relevant maintenance guidance set forth within the [RainSmart Stewardship Guide](#).