



## Property Maintenance Requirements

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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.

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 required thirty (30) foot and sixty (60) foot 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 road edges and sidewalk edges as to maintain clear sightlines and prevent encroachment of vegetation into right-of-ways, with the exception of trees and shrubs.
4. New or modified planting areas must use only native species; non-native or invasive plants are prohibited, and all non-native, invasive volunteers must be removed using environmentally safe methods.
5. RainSmart Rewards Program participants are to apply "cues to care" and follow the relevant maintenance guidance set forth within the [RainSmart Stewardship Guide](#).
6. Participants found *out of compliance* will receive a written warning and have ten (10) days to return to compliance. If a participant fails to return to compliance within ten (10) days, or exceeds three (3) written warnings, any further instances of non-compliance will result in permanent removal from the RainSmart Rewards program and formal enforcement action.