

# Landscaping Guidelines and Recommendations

Sahhali South  
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## LANDSCAPE DESIGN PHILOSPHY

Sahhali South is a unique neighborhood in the community of Neskowin. The development of Sahhali South is unusual in its attempt to preserve the natural beauty of the area and site integrity of individual homesites while allowing diversity in home and landscape design.

These guidelines are intended to help you, your landscape designer/architect and your landscape contractor understand the rules and guidelines and the necessary approval process relating to the landscaping of your homesite.

These guidelines are intended to function in concert with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and CCRs of Sahhali South Homeowner's Association, LLC.

Extensive landscaping is not required or encouraged. However, all homesites are required to be maintained in a neat and orderly condition that creates a pleasing appearance from all vantage points located off of the individual parcels. If a homeowner elects to maintain the entire property in a natural condition, steps must be taken to restore unsightly scarred areas that were produced from construction activity, and to remove dead plants and refuse from the entire site.

Individual homesites should be treated in a casual, fluid manner in order to integrate comfortably with the natural setting of Sahhali South. Lawn edges should be serpentine rather than straight and square-cornered. Formal,

regimented planting arrangements are strongly discouraged. Shrubs, trees and other plant materials should be arranged in groupings, rather than in straight rows.

Landscaping construction must be finished within one (1) year of substantial completion of the exterior of the home.

### **WIND**

The single greatest factor in determining which plants will survive in Sahhali South coastal shoreline environment is wind. Typical of the Oregon coast, prevailing winds are landward, coming from a generally northwest direction during the warmer summer months. During the winter months, the predominant wind direction is generally from the south. Gale force winter winds can reach speeds of over 100 miles per hour. Of greatest concern from a landscaping perspective are the strong summer winds and those which occur during the spring months. Strong winds carrying warm temperatures can quickly dehydrate new spring growth, causing severe damage or death to many plant species, including those on the Recommended Plant List. Severe wind damage during the winter months is less of a concern because plants are then dormant, although gale force winds will almost certainly cause damage to most plants unless suitable precautions are taken to screen plants from the strongest winds by man-made features or the planting of suitable screening vegetation.

### **SOILS**

Soils in the area are of the Neskowin, Hembre and Winema soil associations. These soils are generally deep, well drained and relatively high in organic material, and very acid with pH levels of 5.0 or lower. Annual rainfall ranging from roughly 64 to 132 inches per year influences soil acidity and appropriate plant materials.

### **PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

A recommended plant list has been selected as a sampler of materials which may be used. They were selected for their particular adaptability to the climate and weather conditions of the Oregon coast, and the soils which occur within the Sahhali South property.

## RECOMMENDED PLANT LIST

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Plant Type/Name	Comments
<b>Trees</b>	
<i>Ailanthus manziesii</i> - Madrone	Evergreen tree or large shrub
<i>Arbutus unedo</i> - Strawberry tree	Shrub-tree; drought tolerant
<i>Betula</i> - Birch, esp. European White Birch	Requires ample water and fertilizer
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i> Incense Cedar	Symmetrical tree to 75-90 feet
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i> - Monterey Cypress	Fast growth to 40 feet
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> Glossy Privet	Round-headed tree to 40 feet or large shrub; fast growing
<i>Myrica California</i> - Pacific Wax Myrtle	Drought tolerant
<i>Picea</i> - Spruce, Sitka	Do not plant near home or walks
<i>Picea abies</i> - Norway Spruce	Fast growth to 100-150 feet; many varieties
<i>Pinus contorta</i> - Shore Pine	Fairly fast growing to 20-35 feet; dense foliage
<i>Pinus thunbergii</i> - Japanese Black Pine	Fast growth to 100 feet; adapts well to pruning
<i>Populus nigra 'Italica'</i> - Lombardy Poplar	Fast growth to 40-100 feet; columnar tree; invasive roots
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> - Douglas Fir	Sharply pyramidal form when young
<i>Quercus ilex</i> - Holly Oak	Moderate growth to 40-70 feet and equal spread
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> - Black Locust	Fast growth to 75 feet; aggressive roots; drought tolerant
<i>Salix</i> species - Willow, native	Fast growth; requires ample water
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> - Coast Redwood	Fast growth; requires ample water
<i>Thuja plicata</i> - Western Red Cedar, native	Pyramidal shape
<b>Shrubs</b>	
<i>Abelia X grandiflora</i> - Glossy Avella	Evergreen to partially deciduous; growth to 8 feet; prune selectively
<i>Arctostaphylos columbiana</i> - Hairy Manzanita, native	Low growing; evergreen; sun
<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i> - Common Manzanita	Growth to 6-20 feet tall; evergreen; sun
<i>Aucuba Japonica</i> - Japanese Aucuba	Accepts deep shade; variegated forms
<i>Azelea</i> , Kurume varieties	Ample water; amend soil with organic material when planting
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> - Coyote Brush/Dwarf Chaparral	Drought tolerant;
<i>Berberis darwinii</i> - Darwin Barberry	Growth to 5-10 feet tall; orange-yellow flowers
<i>Berberis wilsoniae</i> - Wilson Barberry	Growth to 6 feet; fine textured foliage; yellow flowers in clusters
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> - English Boxwood	Dense foliage; growth to 15-20 feet tall; good hedge shrub
<i>Caragana arborescens</i> - Siberian Peashrub	Deciduous shrub or small tree; fast growth to 20 feet
<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i> - Wild Lilac (Snow Flurry)	Growth to 6-10 feet tall and 8-12 feet wide; white flowers
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i> - False Cypress	Several varieties dwarf to 50 feet
<i>Cistus</i> species - many varieties	Climbing evergreen vines; easy to grow
<i>Cistus</i> - Rockrose	Evergreen; sun; spring flowers
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> - Pampas Grass	Fast growth; difficult to control size
<i>Cotoneaster</i> species - many varieties	Vigorous growth; full sun
<i>Cytisus</i> and <i>Genista</i> - Broom (various)	Drought tolerant; sun; prune after bloom
<i>Cytisus</i> species - Broom (many varieties)	Full sun; prune after bloom
<i>Escallonia</i> (various)	Fast recovery from damage; evergreen; sun; fast growth
<i>Escallonia</i> species	Evergreen; many varieties; fast recovery from freeze damage
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> - many varieties	Evergreen vine or shrub; sun or full shade

<i>Hebe</i> (purple blooming varieties)	
<i>Hebe buxifolia</i> Boxleaf Hebe	Evergreen; fast growth to 3-5 feet; drought tolerant; sun
<i>Hydrangea</i> species - many varieties	Evergreen; fast growth to 3-5 feet; drought tolerant; sun
<i>Juniperus</i> species - many varieties	Deciduous; large bold flowers and foliage; grow in rich well-drained soil
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i> - Red-hot Poker	Evergreen shrubs and trees; sun
<i>Phormium tenax</i> - New Zealand Flax	Drought tolerant; full sun
<i>Photinia fraseria</i>	Swordlike vertical leaves to 9 feet long; allow plenty of space
<i>Pinus mugo</i> - Mugho Pine	Evergreen shrub; growth to 10 feet tall
<i>Prunus caroliniana</i> - Carolina Laurel Cherry	Prostrate shrub
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> - English Laurel	Evergreen shrub or tree; growth to 35-40 feet
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i> - Portugal Laurel	Evergreen; vigorous; fast growth to 30 feet tall and wide
<i>Pyracantha</i> species - Firethorn	Evergreen; less vigorous than English Laurel but better in wind
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i> - Italian Buckthorn	Evergreen shrub; bright red-orange fruit; thorns; sun
<i>Rhamnus californica</i> - Coffeeberry	Evergreen shrub; fast dense growth to 12-20 feet
<i>Rhododendron</i> (various)	Evergreen shrub; growth to 3-15 feet tall; drought tolerant
<i>Ribes aureum</i> , native - Golden Currant	Requires ample water; amend soil when planting; shield from wind
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> , native - Pink Winter Currant	Deciduous shrub; growth to 3-6 feet tall; irrigation
<i>Rosa rugosa</i> - Ramanas Rose; Sea Tomato	Deciduous shrub; growth to 4-12 feet tall; irrigation
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> - Rosemary	Deciduous shrub; vigorous and very hardy; growth to 3-8 feet; red fruit
<i>Salix discolor</i> - Pussy Willow	Evergreen shrub; growth to 2-6 feet tall
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i> , native - Coast Red Elderberry	Shrub or small tree; growth to 20 feet
<i>Senecio greyi</i>	Deciduous shrub to 8 feet tall; ample irrigation
<i>Spartium junceum</i> - Spanish Broom	Evergreen shrub; spreading plant that grows 4-5 feet tall; sun
<i>Spiraea</i> species - Many Varieties	Evergreen shrub; growth to 6-10 feet; dense growth; flowering
<i>Vaccinium ovalifolium</i> , native - Evergreen Huckleberry	Deciduous shrubs; flowering
<i>Viburnum tinus</i> - Laurustinus	Evergreen shrub; sun or part shade
	Evergreen shrub; growth to 6-12 feet tall; dense foliage

### Groundcover

<i>Arctostaphylos uva ursi</i> - Kinnikinnick	Spreading to 15 feet wide; good on slopes; keep soil moist
<i>Coanothus griseus horizontalis</i> - Carmel Creeper	Growth to 18-30 inches tall and 5-15 feet wide; flowering lilac variety
<i>Crocosmia</i> , <i>crocsmillora</i> - Montbretia	Good for slopes; flowering
<i>Hebe pinguifolia</i>	Creeping shrub 1-3 feet tall; flowering
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i> - Creeping St. Johnswort	Evergreen creeping shrub to 1 foot tall; yellow flowers
<i>Juniper conferta</i> - Shore Juniper	Prostrate, trailing habit; bright green foliage
<i>Lithospermum</i> species	Perennial; prostrate mound 6-12 inches tall; sun
<i>Lonicera japonica</i> - Japanese Honeysuckle	Evergreen vine; rampant; erosion control on steep banks; drought resistant
Native grasses - many varieties	Obtain from local sources.

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