



List of Prohibited Plants for Boulevard Gardens

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Boulevard Gardening

The boulevard (the green space between the road and your property line or sidewalk) can be the perfect spot for a garden. Permits are not required to plant a boulevard garden.

Boulevard gardens beautify our roadsides. Well-chosen, non-invasive plants that are designed to retain moisture can reduce water usage and therefore the need to use mowers and fertilizers. Introducing native and diverse plant species can also improve the health of our ecosystem. For these reasons, the town encourages residents to plant gardens on their boulevards, provided they do not obstruct the vision of drivers or prevent them from viewing traffic in all directions. Refer to Schedule B – Boulevard Garden Regulations of the Amending By-law 2025-062.

Many plant species are suitable for boulevard gardens, as long as they meet the Town’s Boulevard Garden Regulations. Below is a list of plants that are prohibited for boulevard gardens.

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Common Name	Botanical Name
Amur Silvergrass	Miscanthus sacchariflorus
Absinthe Wormwood	Artemisia absinthium
Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum
Autumn Olive	Elaeagnus umbellata
Basil Thyme	Clinopodium acinos
Bitter Wintercress	Barbarea vulgaris
Bittersweet Nightshade	Solanum dulcamara
Black Jetbead	Rhodotypos scandens
Black Knapweed	Centaurea nigra
Black Medick	Medicago lupulina
Black Swallowwort	Vincetoxicum nigrum
Bohemian Knotweed	Reynoutria x bohemica
Bouncing-bet	Saponaria officinalis
Brazilian Water-milfoil	Myriophyllum aquaticum
Brazilian Waterweed	Egeria densa
Brown Knapweed	Centaurea jacea
Bull Thistle	Cirsium vulgare
Butter-and-eggs	Linaria vulgaris

Common Name	Botanical Name
Callery Pear	Pyrus calleryana
Canada Bluegrass	Poa compressa
Carolina Fanwort	Cabomba caroliniana
Catnip	Nepeta cataria
Chinese Privet	Ligustrum sinense
Chinese Silvergrass	Miscanthus sinensis
Chinese Wisteria	Wisteria sinensis
Climbing Euonymus	Euonymus fortunei
Coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara
Common Barberry	Berberis vulgaris
Common Burdock	Arctium minus
Common Hawkweed	Hieracium vulgatum
Common Kochia	Bassia scoparia
Common Mullein	Verbascum thapsus
Common Nipplewort	Lapsana communis
Common St. John's-wort	Hypericum perforatum
Common Tansy	Tanacetum vulgare
Common Vetch	Vicia sativa
Common Water-hyacinth	Eichhornia crassipes
Common Wormwood	Artemisia vulgaris
Curly-leaved Pondweed	Potamogeton crispus
Cut-leaved Teasel	Dipsacus laciniatus
Cypress Spurge	Euphorbia cyparissias
Diffuse Knapweed	Centaurea diffusa
Dog-strangling Vine/European Swallowwort	Vincetoxicum rossicum
Downy Brome	Bromus tectorum
Dwarf Honeysuckle	Lonicera xylosteum
Elecampane	Inula helenium
English Ivy	Hedera helix
Erect Hedge-parsley	Torilis japonica
Eurasian Water-milfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum
European Black Alder	Alnus glutinosa

Common Name	Botanical Name
European Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>
European Euonymus	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>
European Frogbit	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>
European Lily-of-the-valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>
European Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
European Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>
February Daphne	<i>Daphne mezereum</i>
Field Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>
Fig-root Buttercup	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
Flowering-rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
Four-seed Vetch	<i>Vicia tetrasperma</i>
Foxtail species	<i>Setaria</i> sp.
Garden Yellow Loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Giant Foxtail	<i>Setaria faberi</i>
Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Giant Knotweed	<i>Reynoutria sachalinensis</i>
Glossy Buckthorn	<i>Frangula alnus</i>
Goutweed	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>
Great Burdock	<i>Arctium lappa</i>
Great Yellowcress	<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>
Green Foxtail	<i>Setaria viridis</i>
Green-stemmed Forsythia	<i>Forsythia viridissima</i>
Heath Sedge	<i>Carex flacca</i>
Himalayan Knotweed	<i>Koenigia polystachya</i>
Hybrid Cattail	<i>Typha</i> x <i>glauca</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Italian Foxtail	<i>Setaria italica</i>
Japanese Chaff Flower	<i>Achyranthes japonica</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Reynoutria japonica</i>
Japanese Snowball	<i>Viburnum plicatum</i>
Japanese Stiltgrass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>

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Japanese Wisteria	Wisteria floribunda
Kobus Magnolia	Magnolia kobus
Kudzu	Pueraria montana
Leafy Spurge	Euphorbia virgata
Maack's Honeysuckle	Lonicera maackii
Morrow's Honeysuckle	Lonicera morrowii
Multiflora Rose	Rosa multiflora
Musk Mallow	Malva moschata
Narrow-leaved Cattail	Typha angustifolia
Nodding Thistle	Carduus nutans ssp. nutans
Oriental Bittersweet	Celastrus orbiculatus
Oval-leaved Privet	Ligustrum obtusifolium
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare
Peppermint	Mentha x piperita
Perennial Ryegrass	Lolium perenne
Periwinkle8	Vinca minor
Porcelain-berry	Ampelopsis brevipedunculata
Purple Crown-vetch	Securigera varia
Purple Dead-nettle	Lamium purpureum
Purple Jewelweed	Impatiens glandulifera
Purple Loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria
Quackgrass	Elymus repens
Queen-of-the-meadow	Filipendula ulmaria
Rabbit's-foot Clover	Trifolium arvense
Red Clover	Trifolium pratense
Redtop Agrostis gigantea	Agrostis gigantea
Rough Mannagrass	Glyceria maxima
Rusty Willow	Salix atrocinerea
Scarlet Firethorn	Pyracantha coccinea
Short-fringed Knapweed	Centaurea nigrescens
Showy Fly Honeysuckle	Lonicera x bella
Siberian Squill	Scilla siberica
Siebold Viburnum	Viburnum sieboldii

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Slender False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum
Small Carpetgrass	Arthraxon hispidus
Small-flowered Jewelweed	Impatiens parviflora
Smooth Bedstraw	Galium mollugo
Smooth Brome	Bromus inermis
Smooth-leaved Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus var. laevigatus
Spiked Sedge	Carex spicata
Spotted Knapweed	Centaurea stoebe
Spreading Hedge-parsley	Torilis arvensis
Starry Stonewort	Nitellopsis obtusa
Sweet Autumn Clematis (Japanese Virgin's Bower)	Clematis terniflora
Swollen Bladderwort	Utricularia inflata
Tall Ryegrass	Lolium arundinaceum
Tatarian Dogwood	Cornus alba
Tatarian Honeysuckle	Lonicera tatarica
True Forget-me-not	Myosotis scorpioides
Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca
Upright Forget-me-not	Myosotis stricta
Velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti
Water Chestnut	Trapa natans
Water Lettuce	Pistia stratiotes
Water Soldier	Stratiotes aloides
Wayfaring Viburnum	Viburnum lantana
Weeping Forsythia	Forsythia suspensa
White Clover	Trifolium repens
White Sweet-clover	Melilotus albus
Wild Carrot	Daucus carota
Wild Chervil	Anthriscus sylvestris
Wild Marjoram	Origanum vulgare
Wild Parsnip	Pastinaca sativa
Wineberry	Rubus phoenicolasius
Winged Euonymus	Euonymus alatus

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Winter Aconite	<i>Eranthis hyemalis</i>
Wood Avens	<i>Geum urbanum</i>
Woodland Angelica	<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>
Woodland Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>
Yellow Archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>
Yellow Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum</i>
Yellow Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus</i>
Yellow Floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
Yellow Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
Yellow Sweet-clover	<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>
Yellow-and-blue Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis discolor</i>