



# Xeriscape LDC Amendments

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# Updates Since First Reading

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- Approved Plant List has been updated to match the Colorado State University's Adams County Extension Office.
- The language regarding root barriers has been left in to prevent potential future issues regarding root systems.
- Removed the requirement of having to select a fruit tree from the Approved Plant List.
- One minor typo has been corrected.

# Approved Plant List Revision

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- Nearly 200 additional plant species have been added to the Approved Plant List.
- The List now includes ground covers, perennials, and annuals.
- Additional plants were also added to the existing list of trees, shrubs, and grasses, including species that are known for their ability to capture harmful pollutants and phytoremediation properties.

# Root Barriers

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- The language requiring root barriers to be installed for trees planted along concrete sidewalks, curbs, and portions of driveways that are in rights-of-way has remained.
- Root barriers provide a variety of benefits, including the prevention of damage to building foundations and sidewalks, preserving underground utilities, and enhancing landscape management by containing root growth.
- There are a number of municipalities that have this as a requirement in their code, both within and outside of Colorado.

# Fruit Tree Requirements

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- Fruit trees were added as a permissible tree type in the first version of the proposed amendments.
- The language requiring that fruit trees be selected from the Approved Plant List has been removed.



# Discussion

