

3. Roof-mounted sustainable energy systems (i.e. solar panels) are exempt from screening requirements.

**F. Utility Service Areas.** Utility service areas located outside the public right-of-way must be screened from public view. Screening shall consist of landscaping, fence or wall meeting the design requirements of this Section. Screening is not required for utility service areas that are related to emergency services (i.e. fire hydrants).

#### 6.3.4.7. LANDSCAPE/PLANTING GUIDELINES.

- A. **Intent.** It is the intent of this Section to ensure that the planting and preservation of all plant materials and plant areas are maintained per the requirements of this Section. Locations, quantities, and species are to be provided by a licensed landscape architect and are subject to approval by Town Staff prior to the commencement of site work.
- B. **Plant Palette.** All plants shall be of native and locally adaptive species (zone 7 according to the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map). Town staff may be able to deny or recommend the use of different species if there is little plant diversity or plant species which are known to have common diseases or branching and/or root structures which do not fit within the specified plant location.
- C. **Plant Diversity.** All developments shall provide a diverse plant palette to promote diverse habitats, fungus and disease control, as well as enhance the town's natural aesthetic. In developments with multiple roadway alignments, tree species should vary from street to street.
- D. **Planting Season.** It is recommended that all plant material be planted within the fall and/or spring growing seasons. If schedule or weather does not allow for the installation of the plant material within these windows, a certificate of compliance may be granted so long as the plant material is installed within one year of the application request.
- E. **Planting within Easements.** The planting of trees is not allowed within any easement unless otherwise permitted by the Town and easement holder. Shrubs may be planted within easements but shall be placed at the property's owner liability.