



## **LANDSCAPING GUIDELINES**

### **Turtleback Mountain Resort**

The climate, terrain and existing vegetation at Turtleback Mountain Resort are all important factors which must be considered in the design of any landscaping improvements. The intent should be to preserve and enhance the desert's special character and integrate residences into the landscape by promoting regionally appropriate landscape design. The goal of these guidelines is to ensure environmentally sound and aesthetically pleasing development at Turtleback Mountain Resort for the mutual benefit and enjoyment of all its residents. Professional assistance is suggested.

#### **General Provisions**

- a. Landscaped areas shall be configured to maximize their interconnectivity within the site to natural areas and to landscaped areas in adjacent properties.
- b. Landscape improvements in each neighborhood should be consistent with the character of the proposed development and the surrounding area to reinforce a coherent neighborhood identity.
- c. Landscape design shall enhance and preserve natural features, arroyos and environmental resources, where feasible.
- d. All landscape improvements shall be designed for mature landscapes and shall provide appropriate visibility for cars, bicycles, golf carts, and pedestrians, and shall not impede outdoor illumination, nor interfere with fire hydrant or other emergency operation.
- e. Landscaping shall be no more than thirty (30) inches high when located within a vehicle's sight distance triangle. Street trees, with limbs pruned up to a minimum of six (6) feet are permitted in sight distance triangles.
- f. Landscaping should use the following xeriscape design principles to facilitate water conservation: Well-planned planting schemes, Appropriate plant selection, Use of mulch or other material, where needed, to maintain soil moisture and reduce evaporation, Improve soil with organic matter, Efficient irrigation systems, Zoning of plant materials according to their micro climatic needs, Proper maintenance schedules.
- g. Landscapes should consist of a variety of species to enhance biodiversity.

- h. All landscapes should strive to maximize the use of native species. Where native material is not appropriate for the intended use or appearance, species that are regionally adapted and noninvasive may be used. The goal should be to use plants, shrubs and trees that are inherently compatible with the natural Turtleback Mountain Resort landscape.
- i. Large areas of lawn using non-native water hungry grasses are strictly prohibited. Any use of grass should be for accent and decorative purposes and should focus on drought tolerant species such as Buffalo Grass, Blue Gramma and other ornamental type grasses which require little to no irrigation to survive.
- j. The minimum planting sizes on all required landscaping shall be two (2) inch caliper deciduous trees, one and one-half (1½) inch caliper ornamental trees, six (6) foot tall evergreen trees and five (5) gallon shrubs.
- k. Where possible, plant materials should be grown in a recognized nursery in accordance with proper horticultural practice. Plants shall be healthy, well-branched vigorous stock with a growth habit normal to the species and variety and free of diseases, insects and injuries.