

## **IW Recommended Plants and Landscaping Matters** (Oct. 2015)

### **Recommended Plants**

Ironwood HOA developed a recommended list of plants for use by homeowners in their yards. Our goal is to provide Ironwood homeowners with a variety of landscaping options.

We recommend that homeowners use the following plants:

1. Small Palms/Trees—Adonida “Christmas Palm”, Pygmy Date, Spindle and Cycad—Cardboard; or, Dwarf Cassia
2. Large Palm—Foxtail
3. Small Shrubs—Arboricola—variegated, Ixora—Maui and dwarf, Clusia—dwarf, Crotons and Plumbago (Blue)
4. Medium Shrubs (4-6 feet)—Arboricola—Green, Cocoplum, Hibiscus (messy and stains concrete), Star Jasmine and Bird of Paradise—Orange
5. Large Shrubs—Bougainvillea (Vine, Shrub or Tree—maintenance key), Clusia Rosea and Clusia Guttifera (Shrub or Tree), Eugenia, Jatropha and Sea Grape

Homeowners should not plant Ficus. If you have a Ficus plant, you need to treat with granules and spray constantly to combat White-fly infestation. Ironwood HOA will not approve any new Ficus plants.

Homeowners can refer to [www.South-Florida-Plant-Guide.com](http://www.South-Florida-Plant-Guide.com) to evaluate other plant options. This website provides significant guidance in the selection of the right plants—Palms, Shrubs, Ground Cover, Grasses and Trees—and gives a list of each type of plant category. For each plant, the website provides a description of each plant, plant specifications, plant care (trimming, pruning, fertilizing and watering), plant spacing and landscape uses.

### **HOA and PGA/POA Require Approval for All Landscaping Changes**

Ironwood HOA and PGA/POA governing documents require all landscaping changes (minor or major) be approved and, therefore, homeowners must still submit an ARB form (ARC form) to make any changes.

### **PGA/POA Landscaping Issues**

IW received compliance inspection reports from PGA/POA regarding non-compliance for missing or improper foundation hedges/plants. Attached are pictures to illustrate the Issues noted by PGA/POA for Missing Foundation Hedges/Plants in Ironwood. These pictures provide examples for Homeowners to consider in planning any landscaping changes.

## **Pictures to Illustrate PGA/POA Issues**

### **Screened Porch with Hedge/Plants compared to home without Hedge/Plants**



**Foundation Wall with Hedge/Plants compared to home without Hedge/Plants**



**Planter with Foundation Hedge (Northend) and Front Wall with Hedge/Plants (Southend)**



## Foundation Walls in Walkway with Hedge/Plants (Southend)



## Backyard Patio along Golf Course

