

**SUBJECT: FLOWER BED DRAINAGE AND WATERING**

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**PURPOSE:** To minimize damage to siding and foundations during the summer and icing of sidewalks in winter.

**POLICY:** Co-owners with flower beds between units, either along garages or entryways of either unit, or along sidewalks of end units, shall maintain the integrity of the drainage capability of the flower bed by following these requirements.

1. The surface of the flower bed must be below sidewalk level and not make contact with the siding of either unit.
2. The slope of the flower bed should be high to low, entranceway to street.
3. No dividers, (plastic, wood, etc.) may be used as border along sidewalks that would impede water flow from the sidewalk to the flower bed. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Board of Directors where one unit is higher than the adjacent unit.
4. No dividers (plastic, wood, etc.) may be used as dividers across the flower beds in such a manner as to interfere with surface water flow from unit to street..
5. No plant should cling to the siding of either unit.
6. No impermeable membranes may be placed on the ground before use of rocks, wood chips, etc. Water must flow freely from the surface into the ground.
7. Plants should be hand-watered only (no sprinklers), in such a way as to minimize splash on the siding of either unit.