Landscape Maintenance Checklist: Lawn Trees and Beds

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Property and visit dates

VISIT DATE

PROPERTY ADDRESS

CLIMATE

SEASON THIS VISIT

LAWN TYPE

LAST MOW

LAST MULCH REFRESH

LAST SOIL TEST

LAST PROFESSIONAL TREE WORK

COMPLETED BY

Lawn

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Mowed within the recommended height, never more than one-third off	☐	☐	☐	
Mower blades kept sharp	☐	☐	☐	
Clippings left on the lawn, clumps broken up	☐	☐	☐	
Watered only when the lawn showed stress, not on a clock	☐	☐	☐	
Any watering done in the early morning	☐	☐	☐	
Weeds managed with mowing height and IPM, not a spray-first habit	☐	☐	☐	
Compacted soil aerated, or checked and left if not compacted	☐	☐	☐	
Fertilizer used only as needed after a soil test, kept off pavement	☐	☐	☐	

Trees and shrubs

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Tree mulch 2 to 4 inches deep, pulled off the bark (no volcano)	☐	☐	☐	
Root flare visible, no soil or mulch burying the trunk	☐	☐	☐	
Trunks kept free of mower and string-trimmer wounds	☐	☐	☐	
Nursery tags, twine, ties, and stakes not girdling	☐	☐	☐	
Dead, broken, hanging, or rubbing branches noted from the ground	☐	☐	☐	
Branches near power lines reported to the utility, not cut by the owner	☐	☐	☐	
Owner pruning done from the ground only, no topping	☐	☐	☐	
Dense foliage kept off house walls and the soil at the foundation kept from staying wet	☐	☐	☐	
Shrubs and vines not packed against the outdoor cooling unit	☐	☐	☐	

Beds and mulch

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Bed mulch kept about 2 to 3 inches deep, not piled into a mound	☐	☐	☐	
Mulch pulled back from shrub stems and the crowns of perennials	☐	☐	☐	
Weeds pulled from beds before they seed	☐	☐	☐	
Mulch refreshed at least yearly, or raked if depth is already enough	☐	☐	☐	
Mulch and soil kept off curbs, sidewalks, and storm drains	☐	☐	☐	
No shearing or high-nitrogen feed during a dry spell	☐	☐	☐	
Bed edges kept clear so turf can be mowed without scalping shrubs	☐	☐	☐	

Debris, compost, and yard waste

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Leaves off the lawn or mulch-mowed into the turf	☐	☐	☐	
Leaves, clippings, and soil kept out of storm drains	☐	☐	☐	
Yard waste composted, used as mulch, or set out in the local program	☐	☐	☐	
Storm limbs and hanging debris cleared or flagged for an arborist	☐	☐	☐	
Downspout outlets not buried in mulch or washed-out beds	☐	☐	☐	
Plant spacing checked against local fire rules (arid or fire-prone sites)	☐	☐	☐	

Service log and sign-off

VISIT NOTES

WORK COMPLETED

NEXT MOW DUE

NEXT MULCH CHECK DUE

NEXT SOIL TEST DUE

NEXT TREE OR ARBORIST VISIT DUE

VISIT RESULT

SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

Reference only. Verify against local codes, a licensed inspector or a qualified contractor.