

Lawn and Plant Care

Unlike some other parts of the country, lawns in California don't go dormant. Unfortunately this means that your lawn may be dead and beyond repair. Water it every other day for a week and if it begins to green up, then it's salvageable. If not, then you will need to tear it out and completely replace it.

In order to keep your lawn green and lush year round, you will need to water, fertilize, trim and mow on a regular basis. During the summer months you may need to increase the amount and frequency of your watering and mowing, and during the winter and rainy months you may be able to decrease the amount and frequency of your watering and mowing. If you don't have a mower or don't have the time for lawn care, there are plenty of lawn-care businesses around. They should be able to help you set up your irrigation timer and fertilize and maintain your lawn.

Some winters are unusually cold, and many plants just can't handle the cold. Any plants that die need to be replaced in order to keep your front and back yards looking good. If you replace the dead plant with the same plant, you don't need HARC approval, as this is just considered maintaining your yard. If you decide to take the opportunity to do a little re-landscaping project, make sure to get HARC approval first. On the same token, if you have any plants that died during this past winter due to that hard frost, you will need to replace them. If you plant them soon they will get a head start on the blazing summer heat.