

**VILLAGE WALK SOUTH**  
**602 SIXTH AVE.**  
**VERO BEACH, FL 32962**

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**ARC GUIDELINE MODIFICATION**

(Please file with other ARC Guideline information)

The ARC would like to inform all VWS homeowners (**and any of their tenants**) that beginning immediately before any changes are made to the exterior of a home, an ARC application should be presented to the committee. Originally, personal landscape changes could be made from the ARC Guidelines “approved list” without ARC notification. The caveat was that there were certain guides and restrictions (ARC Guideline, parag. 2).

Owners are going outside the recommended plantings and adding plants not suited to the locations in which they are being planted. Because of improper planting, we now have a number of small trees that are planted nearly up against homeowners’ windows that will grow up to be large trees... We have small shrubs that have grown and are now blocking sprinkler heads, which will cause lawns opposite them to brown out and die once the rains stop... We have some plants with a spreading habit (ex. ferns, spider plants and oyster plants~~not on any approved list), that are now maturing and infringing on driveways, planting beds or into lawns... We have young trees planted under eaves which will grow and disturb the soffits.

Because of problems associated with this freedom, we must modify the ARC Guideline. We are asking everyone to apply to the ARC before making any landscape changes. The type of landscape shrub/plant and the location desired are of main concern. Along with the “approved” plants from the ARC Guideline, we are adding: Podocarpus, Eugenia, Green island ficus, Junipers and Ilex schelling.

Dale Bushong is an excellent source of information and can advise you on filing your ARC application regarding which shrubs for which locations (or there are many websites and books available to do research).

**Important change: one other item is the use of “white stones” in our landscape.**

Because of their shape, these stones can become missiles when hit by a landscape machine...cutting screens or hitting someone. These white stones should not be used any where they abut grass areas... this would include off the back lanai and under the front window. Please use medium to large size “River Rock”. If these are hit they stay “grounded” and don’t present the problem. Homeowners that already have white stones in these areas are asked that once the time comes to replace your stones, you use river rock.

We are a new community. A community that has taken over its own management from the original developer. Unfortunately we have growing pains and stumbling blocks. Hopefully at some point, all the wrinkles will be worked out.

Thank you for your understanding. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

**The ARC**