

**Harvest Valley  
Decorations Rules - revised July 6, 2009  
Clarified April, 2010**

Now that the spring/summer seasons have begun, it is important to clarify the decorations rules approved in July 2009 (copy attached). The rules, developed by homeowners representing each phase of Harvest Valley, reflect input gathered from all home owners in June, 2009. The Board expects that all unit owners will comply with these rules by May 1, 2010.

**Area where decorations are allowed:** Decorations are allowed in the front shrubbery beds which are defined in length by your front porch. Decorations are not allowed in the side beds, rear beds, or the beds common to or between two units

**In ground plants:** Plants may be placed in the front shrubbery area described above and must be maintained by the unit owner. The Association and its agents are not responsible for damage to owner supplied plants if such damage occurs during normal landscaping practices.

**Potted plants:** A total of six (6) potted plants are allowed and may be placed on:

- front steps
- at the head of the driveway
- in hanging planters (maximum of 3) suspended from the porch above the railing
- in white window boxes (the type not permanently attached to the railing), or
- hanging from a shepherd's hook in the front shrubbery area

Plants should not impede mowing.

**Porch hangings:** Only 3 potted plants may be hung from the porch. No other decorations, such as wind chimes, mobiles or other art objects are allowed.

**Flags:** One (1) large American Flag may be hung from a pole attached to the front porch. One (1) small seasonal or decorative flag can be displayed in the front shrubbery area; it may not be hung from the pole attached to the front porch.

**Front Garden Decorations** - Four (4) decorations, from the following list, may be placed in the front shrubbery area noted above.

- maintained bird bath
- bird feeder (winter only - summer feeders attract unwanted wildlife)
- bird house on a pole
- small gazing ball w/stand
- landscaping stones
- small metal/concrete sculpture (approximately 30" or less), or
- shepherd's hook with item.
- potted plants are allowed in the front shrubbery area but are counted as part of the 6 allowed, as noted above
- small seasonal flag

**Landscape Lights:** Six (6) small lights may be placed in the front shrubbery area. Lights cannot be placed in tree rings or on any island planting areas. If you have other lighted objects in your front garden area, such as a gazing ball light, that will count as one of your small lights as well as one of your 4 garden objects.

**Garden Edging** - If used, must be plain, rectangular grey brick style.

**Seasonal Decorations** -Are limited to four (4) items and must be contained within the allowed shrubbery area or on the front porch.

- Fall decorations can be displayed from September through November
- Winter Holiday Decorations can be displayed from December through January
- Blinking Lights, Inflatables, Icicle Lights or other lights/decorations suspended from the roof line are not allowed.

Unit owners shall have full responsibility for any damage to the decorations they choose to use. The Association and its agents are not responsible for any damage done by contractors hired by the Board. No decoration or ornament should interfere with lawn maintenance activities, the sprinkler system, or snow removal operations.

**No items may be attached to the unit:** Nothing can be physically attached to a unit other than a flag pole and the three hooks for hanging plants above the porch railing. This means that welcome signs, thermometers, or other objects cannot be physically attached to your unit. Anything currently attached must be removed.

**Enforcement:** Enforcement of the rules will be achieved with a three strike policy. The property manager will first notify a unit owner by phone or letter if decorations do not comply. If the owner chooses not to comply with the rules, a written notice will be issued and, if necessary, a third notice will be made in writing imposing a fine of \$20 per day for each day the violation exists.