



## Requirements for Localscapes Design

*The following Localscapes Requirements ensure best landscaping practices are applied and result in beautiful, Utah-friendly yards that require less maintenance and water to thrive.*

### Localscapes Requirements:

1. The front yard and backyard are both oriented around a central open shape created by using groundcover, gravel, or lawn.
2. Lawn is not less than 8 feet wide in any location and is not located on slopes. Lawn should be between 1,000- 2,000 square feet in size.
3. Lawn areas are free from obstructions (trees, signs, posts, etc.) with the exception of existing mature trees.
4. Park strips and side yards do not have lawn unless they are large enough to create a central open shape which is not less than 8 feet wide at the narrowest dimension.
5. Gathering areas are hardscaped and placed outside of the central open shape. In a lawnless landscape, gathering spaces can function as the central open shape.
6. Activity zones (vegetable garden, children's play area, storage, etc.) are located outside of the central open shape and are surfaced with bark mulch, gravel, playground chips, hardscape or other non-lawn surfacing.
7. Pathways are made with materials, such as hardscape, organic mulch, or foot-traffic tolerant groundcover. Lawn is not used as a path surface.
8. Plants are drip irrigated and appropriately selected for the region in which the landscape is located. Both native and locally-adapted plants are acceptable.
9. Plants are organized by light and water needs and plant areas are covered by 2-4 inches of mulch to minimize weeds, maintain soil moisture, and enrich the quality of the soil. Mulch may be organic (bark, compost, etc.) or inorganic (gravel, rock chips etc.) as per homeowner preference.