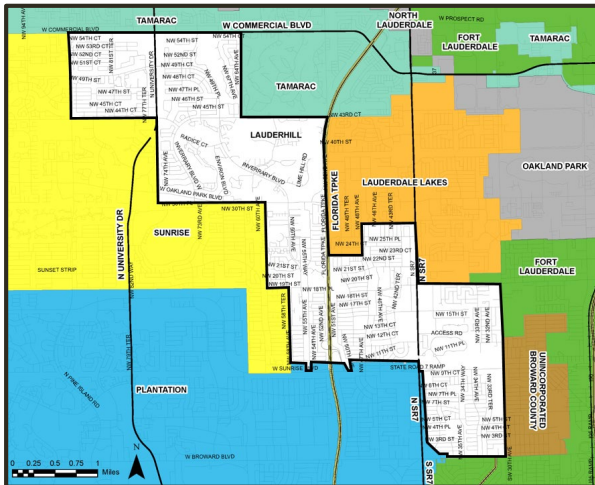




# Artificial Turf

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Items for Consideration



# Current Regulations

- ▶ Artificial Turf is referenced in the Code of Ordinances and Land Development Regulations in several places
  - ▶ Schedule J - Landscape Installation, Irrigation and Maintenance Standards and Requirements
    - ▶ *With approval of the Planning and Zoning Director, and the City Engineer, artificial turf may be permitted in place of grass or other ground cover.*
  - ▶ Article III - Zoning District Standards - definition of “artificial turf”
  - ▶ Chapter 10 - Garbage and Trash/ Unsanitary and Unsightly Conditions/ Abandoned Real Property - listed as an option for landscaping of residential properties
  - ▶ Chapter 15 - Parks and Recreation - acknowledged as a material for sports fields
- ▶ Schedule J also incorporates by reference the "Landscape Irrigation & Florida - Friendly Design Standards" and the "Florida Green Local Government Designation: Landscape Maintenance" Manual and shall be the minimum standard and requirement and shall apply to the incorporated area of the City of Lauderhill, Florida.

# Proposed Regulations for Artificial Turf *Consistent with Florida DEP Guidelines*

- ▶ Artificial turf may not be installed within the right-of-way or swale.
- ▶ Artificial turf shall not be installed inside the drip lines of trees, whether on the property or adjacent properties.
- ▶ Subgrade shall be composed of natural materials, such as crushed rock, that meets the permeability requirements of this rule.
- ▶ Artificial turf must resemble a natural lawn in color and texture.
- ▶ In-Ground irrigation cannot be used for synthetic turf. If any in-ground system is already installed, the Development Services Department may require that irrigation heads be removed and pipe capped.
- ▶ Artificial turf drainage system must be maintained to prevent runoff or pooling.
- ▶ **Permit Required:** The use of synthetic turf on qualifying properties shall be permitted subject to submission of manufacturer specifications, drainage and permeability details, and installation plans demonstrating compliance with Florida Department of Environmental (DEP) standards.