

1. All new construction plans must have irrigation design, including description of manifold, type of backflow, type of timer and type of climate control.
2. New construction must have multi-programmable timers and climate control. Restricting sale of unapproved models in national chains may be an issue.
3. Requiring matched precipitation rates on rotor zones.
4. No mixing of turf and drip zones.
5. Must have MS06 to perform work on irrigation. Current state requirement, but not enforced.
6. All backflow to have proper freeze protection upon installation.
7. Existing systems should have audit requirement and codes checked at time of sale or any “change of hands”
8. Soil amendments to be added on all property turf minimum 3” & tilled. Appropriate soil preparation i.e. loosening up the soil for xeriscape plants. Soil amendments added on all other plants dependent upon their requirements. A diagram of a properly planted shrub should be provided. (most xeriscape plants don’t require soil amendments)
9. Containers, wire and burlap should be removed completely, when possible. In large planting operations as much as possible of the container should be removed.
10. Areas of property should be graded away from building. In locations of excessive run-off, pooling areas must be created. Grading to utilize runoff should be recommended for all landscapes, or other method provided i.e. cisterns, rain barrels, french drain, pumice wicks, etc.
11. If there is a slope of greater than 30degrees retaining walls are required. Hydro seed, ground covers or a 2”-4” rock can be used in areas of lesser slope.
12. All licensed contractors must display their license number, company name, and phone number in a minimum of 3” tall lettering. This same information should be provided on all invoices, business cards and marketing.
13. A \$750.00 fine for spraying without a New Mexico Department of Agriculture applicators license.

14. Flagstone set in mortar should have a minimum of 2" of concrete base.
15. City enforcement of laws.
16. Landscape barrier shall consist of fabric. Solid plastic sheeting that restricts water absorption should not be allowed.
17. All retaining walls should be constructed per existing state requirements. (min height of 1')
18. The minimum depth for rock ground covers 3".
19. Any pond constructed of concrete or pond liner should have a license requirement.
20. A design and voltage test on all installation of outdoor lighting.
21. Landscape fabric overlap a minimum of 12" and pinned a minimum of every six feet.
22. A minimum of 4" depth on all organic ground cover. Organic ground covers should not be used on areas of great slope.
23. Trees and large shrubs should be staked and secured in areas of high winds, in a manner that allows some flex so that trees can move enough to develop a natural trunk taper and does not cut into the bark. Staking should be removed when the plants are well rooted.
24. Proper pruning techniques. Limited amount of shearing recommended, as this increases water use and destroys the ornamental value. i.e. recommended to cut ornamental grasses back as close to the crown as possible is SPRING not autumn, just as they are beginning to fulfill their design purpose in the landscape.