

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA**  
**CUL-DE-SAC MAINTENANCE POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for homeowners regarding initial set-up, material replacement, weed spraying, repairs and abandonment procedures for the City's community cul de sacs.

**1) INITIAL SET-UP**

INCLUDES: Clearing, herbicide treatment, fire ant treatment, irrigation, three 15-gallon foxtail palms, six 3-gallon shrubs (gold tip ligustrum, viburnum, hibiscus or Indian hawthorn) and mulch.

**2) MATERIAL REPLACEMENT**

Replacement plant material, fire ant bait, weed killer and mulch will be provided upon request from the homeowner who maintains the cul de sac. Requested items are delivered onto the cul de sac where they are left for the homeowner to install, apply or spread.

**3) FERTILIZING**

Fertilizer is provided twice annually in accordance with Charlotte County's Fertilizer Ordinance\*; once in April and once in October. ***Residents must request April fertilizer no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> and October fertilizer no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>.***

**4) REPAIRS**

Homeowner installed plant material, weed barrier, rocks, soil or landscape design and/or decoration may be removed as needed for repairs to underground utility lines, overhead utility lines, large tree removal, street/curb repairs and irrigation repairs. Upon completion of repairs, City crews will reinstall as much of the homeowners items as are salvageable. Unsalvageable items are not replaced by the City, nor are homeowners reimbursed for said material. Trees, shrubs and mulch originally supplied by the city will be replaced.

**5) ABANDONMENT PROCEDURES**

Cul de sacs which are not being maintained; have become overgrown with weeds; have dead/dying and/or overgrown plant materials are considered abandoned. Abandoned cul de sacs are stripped of all plant material and will be mulched.

**6) OTHER MAINTENANCE**

Plant material and other decorative items purchased and installed by the homeowners will not be maintained, repaired or replaced by City staff.

*\*This ordinance is to address the leaching and runoff of nutrients from improper or excess fertilization practices that contribute to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution of the community's water resources.*