

RC Approved Plant List

The enclosed is a **list of plants that were selected by the Landscape Committee** and approved by the River Club Board of Directors. Since ALL plantings around the units are considered “common area,” the selected plants were determined based on recommendations from various agricultural forums. The **criteria included** sustainability under Florida climate conditions, chemical makeup of water in the River Club well, aesthetics, plant maintenance provided by the landscape contractor and cost.

Below are some simple steps if an owner **requests plant replacement of a dead or missing plant around their unit:**

1. Complete a River Club Work Order and submit it to the Office. The Work Order will be given to a Landscape Committee (LC) Member who will contact you directly.
2. An LC member will review the shrub listing with you and assist in the selection of the plant(s) to be replaced. After plant selection, owner should complete the Landscaping Request form located on the River Club Website under Forms (copy of form also available at the office).
3. The plant(s) selected and the form **will be reviewed by the River Club Board of Directors** for final consideration and/or approval.
4. **After approval by BOD, a Landscape Committee member will assist in planting the shrubs or owner may do it on their own if they have planting knowledge. All plants must be planted the proper way to establish healthy growth.**

River Club Association will be responsible for the cost of replacement plants for:

- a. **Dead or missing shrub(s) in existing plantings round your unit.** After determining the cause of the dead or missing plant, a **replacement plant will be selected to match or coordinate with other existing plants in the area.** Plant selection will be based on an **attractive and uniform appearance** with other landscaping around your unit. Shrubs that were **destroyed because of River Club Association activities** (such as concrete restoration) will be **replaced at the discretion** of the River Club Association.
- b. **River Club Association will NOT be responsible for the cost of a new design of planted areas or replacement of healthy plants** around owners’ units.

PLEASE NOTE: Owners who seek to **purchase their own shrubs are encouraged to do so** but must **adhere to the list of plants attached.** Unit owners must complete all the necessary forms for **approval PRIOR to purchase and planting.** Please be aware that **ALL plants become the property of River Club Association** and will be maintained as Common Area of River Club.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

RIVER CLUB ASSOCIATION APPROVED REPLACEMENT SHRUBS

Green Arboricola

Easy-to-grow mid-sized shrub that may be planted anywhere from **full sun to full shade** and it will thrive. This shrub grows in a mounded shape, is **drought tolerant** (well drained soil) and makes a wonderful accent shrub, privacy plant or hedge. May be kept neatly at 4-6 feet or trimmed to desired height. Fertilize three times a year.



VARIEGATED ARBORICOLA

(Trinnette)

A gardener's dream due to a **low maintenance tendency**, this shrub does well in either **sun or shade**, is **drought tolerant**, **easy to grow**, and stays at **2-3 feet** or more.



IXORA

This flowering shrub does well in South Florida and is a favorite with landscapers. It **flowers** much of the year and is **drought tolerant**. **Preferring full to part sun**, the **dwarf ixora** has smaller leaves, profuse flowers and grows to about 2-3 ft tall.. **The maui** version has larger leaves, makes a great hedge and can grow to 4' or more if you do not trim. Fertilize 3 times a year.



GREEN ISLAND FICUS

Prized for its **low maintenance quality**, this shrub features shiny leaves, mounded growing habit, with a jade-looking leaf that is attractive in landscape design. Does well in **sun and part shade**, is **drought tolerant** and grows at a **slow to moderate** rate. This shrub can easily be maintained at **2-3 feet**. Fertilize three times a year.



Japanese Boxwood

Another **low maintenance shrub** with a **bright green leaf**, **slow growing** and looks lovely in a natural state or more manicured depending on your taste. It's a **slow grower**, does well in zone 10 (South Florida) and grows nicely at **2-3 feet**. This shrub grows in **any light from full sun to shade** but prefers some sun to look its best. It is **moderately drought tolerant** and a good foundation plant.



HIBISCUS

The most commonly used flowering plant in Florida due to its stunning **flowers and variety of colors**, this makes a wonderful accent plant or a flowering hedge. Evergreen **fast growers**, Hibiscus can be nicely kept at **4-6 feet**. Although many are marked "dwarf" in box stores, there is no true dwarf variety. **Moderately salt tolerant**, this shrub loves the **sun or part sun** for the best blooms. Too wet or too dry roots will cause the plant to look scraggly. Fertilize three times a year.



INDIAN HAWTHORNE

A staple plant at River Club, this shrub is a **low maintenance plant** that requires little care. It will **thrive anywhere you put it...sun or shade** and is **salt tolerant**. It has a nice mounded growth habit that can be sheared for maintenance, and in spring **produces tiny white flowers** followed by tiny blue berries. It benefits from **regular watering** and needs fertilizer three times a year. It grows to around 3 feet for a nice foundation or hedge planting.



PODOCARPUS ("pringles" dwarf)

The evergreen foliage is **deep green (a beautiful, deep blue-green in shadier spots)**, highlighted by bright, light green new growth. Its size is ideal for small yards or large as a **low hedge, foundation planting**, or almost anything else you can think of.

It is a **slow grower** and the dwarf variety grows to about **3 feet**. It is **mildly salt tolerant** and likes regular watering. It does not mind being sheared but hand trimming gives it a great textured look. Fertilize three times a year.



COCOPLUM (red-tip)

A **south Florida native**, cocoplum is an outstanding texture plant with a beachy look. Rounded, **shiny leaves are set off by red-tipped new growth** on this most commonly sold variety. It's a terrific hedge plant and does nicely at a **height of 4'** or could be kept to desired height. This plant spreads wide so it **should not be planted in a walkway unless placed 3-4' away**. Cocoplum is a **moderate grower and moderately salt tolerant**. It thrives in **sun** but will grow well in **part sun** as well.



CROTON

The **most popular colored foliage** plant in Florida with brilliant colored leaves shot with gold, red, orange, green and pink. They are **easy care and low maintenance** with many leaf types from very wide to ribbon like leaves. Best kept at 3-4' tall although some varieties can be kept smaller. These **slow growers like full sun** but many varieties like **Petra prefer some shade**. Crotons are **moderately salt tolerant** but will **not tolerate wet feet or the cold** which will cause the plant to defoliate if not covered. **Fertilize three times a year** for the best showing.



Additional Approved Plants for DIY Owners



In addition to the list of shrubs that River Club plants to replace missing shrubs, **below** is a list of additional **approved plants** for **RC owners who wish to purchase and plant new shrubs around their unit**. Please attach a list of plants you wish to install to the work order for **approval** by the Landscape Committee and BOD.

<u>COMMON</u>	<u>BOTANICAL/COMMENT</u>	<u>USE</u>
Allamanda dwarf	<i>Allamanda cathartica compacta</i>	shrub
Bird of Paradise (orange)	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	accent
(Blueberry) Flax Lily	<i>Dianella Tasmanica (Variegated)</i>	accent
Bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	accent
Bromeliad	many varieties (sun and shade)	accent
Calathea	color for shade, many varieties	accent
Carissa	<i>Carissa Macrocarpa</i>	low border
Cordyline (Ty Plant)	<i>Cordyline Terminals</i>	accent
Clusia (dwarf)	<i>Clusia nana</i>	shrub
Coontie (cycad)	<i>Zamia floridana</i>	shrub
Dracaena	<i>Dracaena marginata</i>	accent
Gardenia	<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i>	shrub
Liriope (Lilyturf)	low maintenance perennial	accent/border
Philodendron	<i>Xanadu</i> variety only	accent shrub
Roebellini (pygmy date)	<i>Phoenix Roebellini</i>	small palm
Sago Palm (cycad)	<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	accent
Silver Buttonwood (shrub only)	<i>Conocarpus erectus var.sericeus</i>	hedge
Song of India	<i>Dracaena reflexa</i>	shrub/accent

Variegated Shell Ginger

Alpinia Zermumbet

accent

Viburnum Suspensum

Suspensum, NOT obovatum

shrub

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