# Hamlet Cluster

# Yard & Property Maintenance Standards

Adopted March 2018

#### **General Information**

Cluster owners are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their property. All yards must be maintained so that there are no weeds, overgrown plants, dead plants or dirt/mud surfaces.

#### Grass, Flowers, Vegetation

Homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and weeding of the any vegetation growing on their property with the exception of grass, which is mowed and maintained by the cluster's lawn care contractor. This includes annual trimming of bushes and trees on your property.

No invasive plants shall be planted on private or common ground. Please refer to Reston Association's list of non-invasive plants for acceptable bushes and trees.

#### Outside Storage

All trash cans, recycling bins, toys, lawn equipment and other personal items may not be stored in the front or side of homes unless behind an approved fence. Items not permitted to be stored in the front or side yards, visible from common areas, include but are not limited to:

- Trash cans, trash bags and recycling bins
- Toys
- Bikes & strollers
- Yard debris
- Equipment and tools

Homeowners who need a temporary exemption must seek written Board approval.

## **Home Exterior**

Townhouse siding, trim, fences, and decks must be well maintained, and homeowners must make all necessary repairs or replacements. Painted surfaces must be free of chipping or extensive cracking. No algae, moss, or mildew on exterior structures should be visible from the street or common areas.

Damaged roof shingles, gutters, and other roof coverings must be repaired or replaced in a reasonable amount of time.

Homeowners are reminded that Hamlet Cluster homes are covered by the Reston Deed of Dedication that includes covenants designed to maintain our neighborhoods. Before making any change to the exterior of your home, you should check with Reston Association for current standards that apply. If you wish to make a change to the exterior appearance of your house, you must get approval from Reston's Design Review Board.

### **House Numbering**

All townhomes shall have visible house numbering consistent in appearance with cluster standards.