

# NATURAL LAWN Q&A



## What are the requirements for a Natural Lawn in Moorhead?

- ▶ Must be on private property (see below for information on boulevard plantings)
- ▶ Keep trimmed so there is no overhang onto the sidewalk, curb, street, or adjacent property.
- ▶ Should be maintained so as not to include unintended vegetative growth i.e., tall turf grass & weeds.



A full list of MN prohibited noxious weeds can be found here

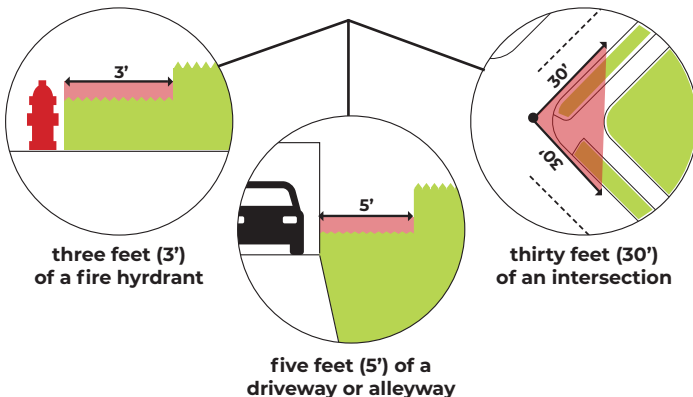
[mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list](http://mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list)

## HEIGHT & DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

24"

**MAX LAWN HEIGHT IS TWENTY-FOUR INCHES**

for areas within:



three feet (3')  
of a fire hydrant

five feet (5') of a  
driveway or alleyway

thirty feet (30')  
of an intersection

Please contact Neighborhood Services at 218.299.5434 if you have any questions!

## What do I need to do to prepare an area for Natural Plantings?

- ▶ Any property owner that plants a Natural Lawn is responsible for requesting utility location and ensuring that no planting area interferes with utilities. Repairs to Natural Lawn areas that are damages as a result of a utility accessing or performing work within easement areas on a property are the responsibility of the property owner.

Please call 811 or visit [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org) for a free utility locate.

- ▶ Natural lawns do not include turf grass lawns left unattended. It is recommended that you kill off any turf grass or weeds before planting e.g.,

- Using a barrier, such as landscape fabric, newspaper, or cardboard covered in wood chips to kill turf grass between plants.
- Using an herbicide to control turf grass between plants.

## Can I plant a Natural Lawn on my boulevard (i.e., area between property line and street curb)?

- ▶ Yes, but a boulevard planting permit is required.
  - Please call 218.299.5390 or email [engineering@moorheadmn.gov](mailto:engineering@moorheadmn.gov) for questions about boulevard planting permits.

## What happens if I don't maintain my Natural Lawn?

- ▶ If the natural lawn does not meet the standards noted above, the city will order the cutting of a natural lawn at any time when it is determined that the growth does not meet the standards as described in City Code 3-3-3.