

garden and lawn maintenance

What garden type do you want?

Carnival of Flowers Garden











Messy Garden



The truth is most people want something in between a Carnival of Flowers Garden and the Messy Garden ie a good average 'standard'.

Factors that help achieve a good average 'Standard'

<p>Written Specification</p> 	<p>A simple written specification for your expectations!</p> <p>Reality: Most bodies corporate still don't have a written specification.</p> <p>Action: The Committee to write a specification.</p>
<p>Frequency</p> 	<p>One week, two weeks, a month or more between visits.</p> <p>Reality: Most bodies corporate try to stretch out the time between visits to keep costs down.</p> <p>Action: The Committee needs to carefully examine frequency.</p>
<p>Active Supervision</p> 	<p>Put the effort into regularly meeting and discussing issues with your contractor!</p> <p>Reality: Most garden and lawn maintenance contractors are micro businesses that simply do not have sophisticated quality assurance systems.</p> <p>Action: The Committee needs to assign somebody to regularly meet with the contractor.</p>

<p>Communication</p> 	<p>Create a simple communication system!</p> <p>Reality: Often there is simply no regular communication system eg text messages, phone calls or a communication book.</p> <p>Action: The Committee needs to develop a communication system.</p>
<p>Bill Approval</p> 	<p>Does the Committee check bills?</p> <p>Reality: Most bodies corporate have no checking process – which means they are entirely relying on trust.</p> <p>Action: The Committee could decide to receive bills for approval prior to payment.</p>
<p>Think Improvement</p> 	<p>Does the garden bark need topping up or do plants need replacing?</p> <p>Reality: Not many contractors recommend improvements.</p> <p>Action: The Committee needs to discuss improvements all the time.</p>
<p>Watering</p> 	<p>The gardens need water?</p> <p>Reality: Nobody wants to pay a contractor to stand there with a hose.</p> <p>Action: The Committee needs to establish a watering roster or look at installing a watering system.</p>
<p>Weeding -v- Poisoning</p> 	<p>The choice is minutes of poisoning time or hours spent weeding!</p> <p>Reality: Most contractors prefer to poison.</p> <p>Action: The Committee needs to make some decisions.</p>

Pro Lawn Tip!

Problems with weeds in your lawn eg clover, bindi, daisy etc

Try Surefire Dicamba M Herbicide for selective broadleaf weed control in turf and lawns.

Available at BMS Mitre 10

