

# *Herons Glen Homeowners Association, Inc.*

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## *Grounds Committee*

### *Guidelines for the Approval of Fountains, Water Features and Bird Baths*

Approval will be required for Fountains and Water Features that are located outside of your front entry and outside of your lanai.

**FOUNTAINS:** Since fountains, when not taken care of properly, are excellent sources for algae growth and when allowed to hold stagnant water, for breeding mosquitoes and other insects. The Grounds Committee has established the following guidelines which must be followed when seeking approval for fountain installation.

A comprehensive plan shall be submitted to the Grounds Committee which details; size, location; contractor including their license and insurance information; a picture or detailed drawing of fountain to be installed; and the installation must secure fountain against all weather conditions (e.g. tropical storms, hurricane etc.)

These will be evaluated in terms of their general appropriateness, size, color, location, compatibility with architectural and environmental design qualities and visual impact on the neighborhood and the surrounding area.

Fountains must be declared either dry or operational at the time of application.

Dry fountains shall not have a water or electrical supply and shall have permanent drain capability so as to not capture rain or water from sprinklers.

Operational fountains shall:

- a. Be equipped with a water treatment means for controlling algae growth.
- b. Be maintained continuously in a clean and algae free manner by addition of an algaecide (e.g., same as a pool).

The Fountain may require a timer for neighbor noise annoyance.

If left idle (as in resident vacation or away for the summer season) the fountain must be drained, cleaned and left in a self draining mode so as to not capture water from rain or sprinklers. The fountain shall not be covered over with any protective covering.

**WATER FEATURES:** Water Features outside the confines of a resident's front entry foyer or enclosed lanai have the same approval requirements as fountains. (see above)

**BIRD BATHS:** Bird baths do not require approval; however, they should complement the landscaping. Bird baths shall be maintained to avoid algae growth and during high winds or hurricanes should be stored to avoid becoming a flying object hazard. They should be removed during resident's absences.

**COMPLIANCE:** Resident must acknowledge in writing that if the fountain, water feature or bird bath is not maintained per the guidelines the resident will be given time to remove it. If the resident does not remove in 14 days, it may be removed by the Association at the owner's expense.

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