

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'.

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Factors that help achieve a good average 'Standard'

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

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

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

