

SNWA – Southern Nevada Water Authority ...

- Q.** According to the SNWA, what are the requirements for an area inside an association to be considered a 'park' and, consequently, not held to turf removal for that area?
- A.** The Nonfunctional Turf Removal Advisory Committee Recommendations Report (attached and available here: <https://www.snwa.com/assets/pdf/ntrac-2021-recommendations-report.pdf>) defines functional and nonfunctional turf for homeowner associations.

All functional grass must meet the following general criteria:

- Located at least 10 feet from a street (except as otherwise specified)
- Installed on slopes less than 25 percent
- Not installed within street medians, along streetscapes or at the front of entryways to parks, commercial sites, neighborhoods, or subdivisions

Further, specific criteria for functional grass depends on the type of community. There are two designations, depending on the HOA type:

- **Active/Programmed Recreation Turf:** primarily for single-family residential HOAs. Functional grass must meet the following criteria:
 - ✓ 1,500 contiguous square feet or greater
 - ✓ Co-located with facilities, including but not limited to trash bins, benches, tables, walking paths and/or other recreational amenities
 - ✓ Located at least 10 feet from a public or private street or interior facing parking lot unless:
 - The contiguous turf area is at least 30 feet in all dimensions; or
 - The turf is immediately adjacent to an athletic field
- **Resident Area Turf:** primarily for multi-family residential HOAs. Up to 150 square feet of grass per dwelling unit can be retained, provided the grass is in areas reasonably accessible for active use and meets all general criteria for functional grass.