



TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY

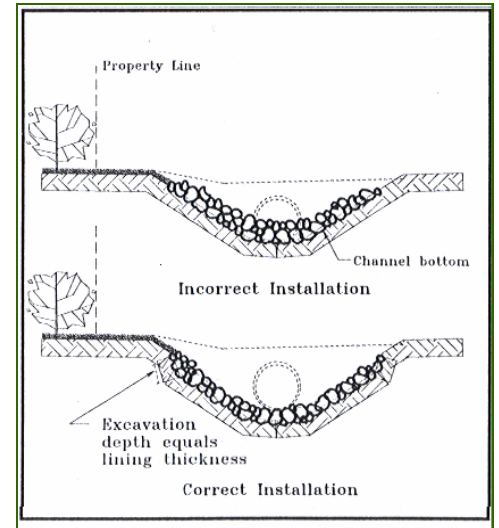
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**I want to
Landscape my Ditch**

If you are experiencing storm water problems at your property, we encourage you to contact the Public Works Department at 759-3070.

For landscape tips, we encourage you to tour your neighborhood and get ideas plus visit one of your local Prescott Valley nurseries.

The Town of Prescott Valley thanks you for your effort to make our Town a more attractive and vibrant community.

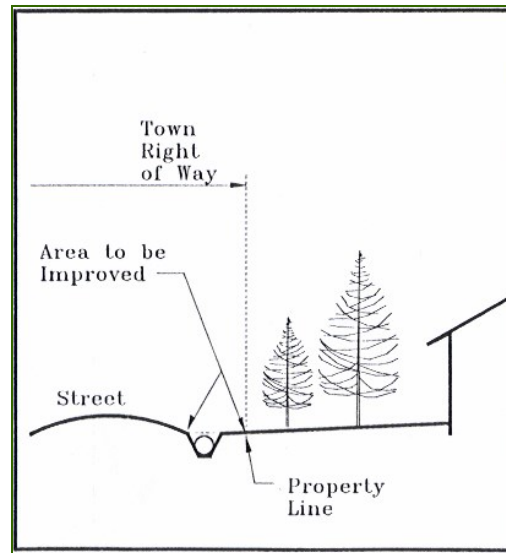


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During the prime weed growing season, this right-of-way begins to look poorly maintained because the weeds grow much faster than the Town is able to abate them. As a result, many citizens in Town have chosen to landscape this area with a fabric or plastic base and put landscape rock on top of the fabric.

Knowing that someday the Town of Prescott Valley may need to exercise use of its right-of-way for storm drain improvements, utility line installation or street improvements, you must understand that landscaping in the right-of-way may have to be removed. This displacement of materials will not be replaced by the utility or Town.

With the caution stated above, we offer the following guidelines for improving the appearance of the community and your home.



- 1) To properly maintain storm water flow, be sure to lower the ditch to allow for the size of the landscape rock you intend to use. Please do not obstruct flow by placing rock in your ditch and blocking your culvert.
- 2) Use the largest rock you feel comfortable with. Smaller rock or stone may be washed to your neighbor's property during big storms.
- 3) Fabric that stops weed growth but allows water to filter back into the ground is encouraged. Plastic does not allow groundwater recharge but is less expensive.
- 4) Be environmentally friendly and limit the use of chemical weed abatement. The Town has reduced its herbicide use by over 90% in the last eight years.

5) Please do not plant trees or large shrubs in the right-of-way for two reasons:

- a) As the shrub or tree matures, a traffic visibility hazard may occur.
- b) If use of the right-of-way requires removal of the tree or shrub, you will not appreciate the "hole" it will create in your landscape.

Note:

In order to provide accurate control for land surveys, the Town of Prescott Valley has installed several survey markers referred to as 'benchmarks'. These benchmarks are used for elevation control as well as precise location; it is very important not to disturb them. If you have a marker like this in or around your ditch or property, please do not landscape over it. We ask that you adjust your landscaping to fit around it leaving a 6" buffer around the marker. Thank you.

