**CHAPTER 62-308**

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This rule applies to single-family residential properties consisting of one acre or less. These standards are intended to be applied to residential landscapes utilizing synthetic turf, as defined by section 125.571(1), F.S., as a replacement for natural turfgrass and is not intended to address small areas such as small pet relief spots or similar. Synthetic turf as used herein does not include the indoor/outdoor plastic or nylon carpeting. Nothing in this rule shall prohibit a local government from restricting installation of synthetic turf as it relates to matters of public safety.

(1) Material type.

(a) Must be lead-free.

(b) Synthetic turf material, including backing materials, must be disposable under normal conditions at any Chapter 62-701, F.A.C., Florida permitted landfill.

(c) Must not use rubber for infill.

(2) Color. No local government may prohibit the use of green synthetic turf.

(3) Permeability.

(a) Must be installed over a subgrade prepared for positive drainage and evenly graded porous material at least three inches thick.

(b) Must be affixed to permeable backing with a pervious subgrade equal or exceeding natural turf permeability.

(4) Stormwater management. Synthetic turf drainage system must be installed underneath in such a way as to prevent excessive runoff or pooling.

(5) Potable water conservation.

(a) In-ground irrigation systems cannot be used to irrigate non-active synthetic turf areas. Non-active areas shall mean areas that do not serve a recreational purpose.

(b) If any in-ground system is already installed, irrigation heads shall be removed and pipe capped in non-active areas.

(c) Nothing in this rule shall constitute an authorization for the consumptive use of water for artificial turf.

(6) Water quality. Must meet setback requirements from natural or manmade waterbodies.

(7) Proximity to trees and other vegetation. Cannot compromise the health of nearby trees (which may include damage to tree roots) and vegetation.

(8) Other factors impacting environmental conditions of adjacent properties.

(a) Must be installed according to manufacturer’s specifications.

(b) Must be anchored at all edges and seams to ensure that turf will withstand the effects of wind.

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