

2027 HOA Landscape & Snow Budget Planner

A worksheet for community association boards and property managers planning next year's grounds budget.

How to use this planner

Fill in what you spent this year, then plan each line for 2027. Use the notes column to capture scope changes (new plantings, added walkways, more frequent service). Bring this sheet to your budget meeting and to contractor walk-throughs.

Grounds & landscape budget

Category	What it typically covers	2026 Actual	2027 Budget	Notes
Maintenance contract	Mowing, trimming, edging, blowing, litter pickup, bed weeding			
Mulch	Bed edging and fresh mulch (spring, sometimes fall top-dress)			
Pruning & shrub care	Shrub shaping, hedge trimming, small tree pruning			
Seasonal color	Annual flower rotations, entrance planters, fall displays			
Turf program	Fertilization, weed control, aeration, overseeding			
Tree & shrub treatments	Insect and disease applications by certified applicators			
Irrigation	Spring start-up, monthly checks, repairs, fall winterization			
Leaf cleanup	Fall and spring cleanups, leaf removal from beds and turf			
Enhancements	Replacement plantings, bed renovations, sod repair			
Tree work	Removals, large tree pruning, stump grinding (arborist)			
Contingency	Storm damage, unexpected repairs (many boards hold 5-10%)			

Snow & ice budget

Item	Questions to answer	2026 Actual	2027 Budget	Notes
Pricing model	Seasonal, per-push, per-event, or per-inch? Which fits your risk and cash flow?			
Plowing	Roads, lots and drives. What accumulation triggers service?			
Sidewalks & steps	Walks, stoops, mailbox areas. Hand crew or equipment?			
Deicing / salt	Pre-treatment, post-storm salting, walks vs. lots			
Snow relocation	Hauling or pushing back piles after large storms			
Reserve	Budget for an above-average winter			

Budget planning timeline

When	What to do
July - August	Walk the property with your contractor. List problem areas, dead plants and resident complaints.
September	Request proposals for landscape and snow. Ask for multi-year pricing options.
October	Compare proposals line by line (scope, frequency, insurance). Draft the budget.
November	Board approves the budget and contracts. Confirm the snow plan before the first storm.
December - February	Plan spring enhancements and seasonal color so they are scheduled early.

Questions to ask any landscape contractor

- ☐ Can you provide a certificate of insurance naming our association as additional insured?
- ☐ Are pesticide applications made by state-certified applicators, and will we be notified before each one?
- ☐ What exactly is included in each visit, and how many visits per season?
- ☐ Who is our day-to-day contact, and how fast do you respond to issues?
- ☐ Do you document snow services with times and work completed?
- ☐ Are your crews trained and equipped with proper safety gear?
- ☐ Can you provide references from similar communities?

Want a second set of eyes on your 2027 budget? Rockport will walk your property and give you a detailed proposal at no cost. Call 215-983-4129 or visit rockportlandscaping.com/request-an-estimate.