

Maintenance of Weeds, Ditches and Culverts in the City Right-Of-Way

The City of Sedona has established guidelines for the maintenance of its rights-of-way. These guidelines state when the City crews will typically perform weed and ditch maintenance in the right-of-way. A property owner or resident is responsible to perform weed and drainage work when they desire more frequent maintenance of an area than the City performs.

What is the Right-of-way?

The Right-of-way is property under, on the surface, adjacent to, and above the ditches, roadways and sidewalks owned by the City of Sedona. The City has the right to be upon and control what is done within the right-of-way. Right-of-way often extends into what you may consider your yard. For instance, roadway right-of-way usually extends 10 to 20 feet beyond the roadway pavement. In some situations residents and businesses are responsible for maintenance of areas within the right-of-way. Maintenance includes weed removal, ditch and culvert cleaning, and removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in the winter. Some work in the right-of-way requires a permit from the City of Sedona. Placing material in the right-of-way that may hinder the normal function of the right-of-way requires a permit. Please go <http://www.sedonaaz.gov/egov/sidePage.aspx?dID=510> and look for Right-of-way Permits.

Weeds

Twice a year the City mows weeds to approximately five feet beyond the edge of the city's roads. The reason for this maintenance is basically to keep vegetation from encroaching on the roadway. Residents are responsible the remainder of the year to maintain weeds along streets adjacent to their properties and for maintenance beyond this distance. The City has recognized a need for more frequent weed removal adjacent to streets such as SR 89A, Thunder Mountain Road/Sanborn Drive (Rhapsody Road to just east of Rodeo Road), Upper Red Rock Loop Road, Navoti Drive, and White Bear Road. Other exceptions include removal at any time of growth causing visibility or travel way issues along a roadway.

Storm Drainage

Routine maintenance of storm drainage facilities is focused on drainages related to a City roadway. These include gutters, ditches, and culverts. The City program to clean roadside ditches and culverts throughout the City has a three to five year cycle. Otherwise, owners and residents are responsible to maintain driveway culverts and ditches adjacent to their properties. The City may clear drainages, including driveway culverts, which appear to pose a flooding hazard to several properties. On occasion debris will be removed from natural channels and washes, if a City facility is threatened.

