

Well-kept garden, little effort

You are responsible for the garden maintenance yourself. This is legally determined. The 'minor repairs decision' states that gardens, yards, driveways and boundary fences must look neat. Poorly maintained gardens and litter on the back paths often cause annoyance in the neighborhood.



You can decorate the garden any way you want. With grass, plants, decorative paving or a combination of these. When designing the garden, it is important that trees and plants do not cause a nuisance to others. If a tree causes a nuisance, for example due to overhanging branches or sprouting roots, neighbors can ask for the tree to be pruned within a certain period. If you do not comply, they can do this themselves.



Do you want to create an inheritance yourself? For example, a fence, fencing or hedge? Do this in close consultation with your neighbors and use high-quality materials. Take into account the legal provisions regarding the height of the boundary and where it may be located. You need prior permission from Woonstichting Valburg for a stone boundary.



You usually share a back path with your neighbors. As a result, it is not always clear who should do what. As a resident, you ensure that the path adjacent to your house is neat and passable. You are therefore responsible for removing weeds and litter. You also remove branches or plants that overhang from the garden to the back path.



If you have poorly maintained your garden or back path for a long time, we will discuss this with you. If, despite our requests, you do not put the garden in order, we will have it done for you. We will charge you for these costs.

What do we not allow?

- Many weeds between the paving and/or in the garden and the back path.
- Neglect of the garden.
- The garden is not intended for storage. Do not use it to store waste, (discarded) items or other goods (cars, caravans, boats, etc.).
- Overhanging branches of trees.
- Contamination of the driveway (for example by motor oil).
- Poorly maintained (or poor quality) fences and boundary lines.
- Parking the car in the front garden (unless you have made agreements about this with Woonstichting Valburg).

Also important to know

- Mow the grass regularly.
- Replace broken paving and clean the paving regularly.
- Replace or remove dead plants.
- If you have a wooden boundary fence, make sure it is well maintained. This includes replacing broken planks, painting or staining and straightening the boundary fence. Because the boundary fence is on the boundary between two homes, both tenants are responsible for its maintenance. Removing or changing a boundary fence is only possible in consultation with the resident of the adjacent garden.
- Do not plant ivy against the facade. This plant species grows very quickly and causes serious damage to the facade, resulting in possible costs.
- Do not plant trees that can grow tall (quickly). Trees that are too large or too wide can cause damage to the home and cause nuisance to the neighbors (such as removing sunlight from the home or the neighbor's garden). Make sure you always plant a tree two meters from the property line or facade.
- Cut down trees that are diseased or dangerously crooked, as they can fall and create dangerous situations. To do this, apply for a felling permit from the Municipality.

When we talk about the garden in this brochure, we also mean the yard, the driveway and the boundary