Municipal Code:

Section 7-4-2. Destruction and removal of weeds.
It shall be unlawful for any owner of land to permit weeds in excess of ten (10) inches in height to grow, lie or be located upon such land. It shall be unlawful for the owner of land not to cut, destroy or remove from such land all weeds in excess of ten (10) inches in height. (1957 Code, §13-21; Ord. No. 4222, 8-9-76; Ord. No. 4389, 11-28-77)

This code pertains to any and all properties.

Section 17-4-7 Landscape performance standards are entirely dedicated to commercial properties, and are more restrictive than the above code pertaining to weeds. Portions apply to every commercial property while others are only applicable based on the year of construction.

Maintaining the appearance of your property is good for business.

What is important for all commercial properties?

Section 17-4-7 (8) b. Maintenance.
1. The owner shall install and maintain all landscaping in a healthy, neat and orderly appearance, free from refuse and debris. Maintenance shall include the replacement of all dead plant material within thirty (30) days of the citation, weather permitting.

2. Regular and normal maintenance of landscaping includes weeding, fertilizing, pruning, mowing and irrigating. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain any landscaping in the public rights-of-way as defined in this Section.

It is important to note that based on the total information given in landscaping standards, weeds are not allowed to remain on commercial properties. Please see the inside pages for suggested maintenance schedules.

The goal of the Code Compliance Unit is to partner with business owners and citizens to keep Pueblo a nice, clean and safe place to live and prosper.

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The Code Compliance Unit
A Division of
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Guidelines for Commercial Landscaping Maintenance

There are several Municipal Codes which relate to landscaping maintenance on every property within the city and includes the adjacent right of way. The area that must be maintained is from the curb and gutter, on most properties, to the center of the alley behind.

These codes are designed to keep the City looking aesthetically pleasing for all residents and visitors.
January, February, March

**TURF**
Remove any wind driven leaves or trash at least once per week.

**TREES**
Look for damage along tree trunk bases. Be sure to have a layer of mulch over the root zones.

**SHRUBS/PERENNIALS**
Replace or replenish mulch to maintain a 3-4 inch layer.

**WEED CONTROL**
Continue to eliminate tall dormant weeds and weed clusters.

**SIDEWALK/CURBS**
Sweep at least once per week. Pick up trash and debris at least twice per week.

April, May, June

**TURF**
Remove any wind driven leaves or trash and sweep along turf edges at least once per week. Fertilize. Mow.

**TREES**
Look for rodent damage along tree trunk bases as well as other pest problems.

**SHRUBS/PERENNIALS**
Replace, replenish, feed and trim.

**WEED CONTROL**
Keep weeds down, remove as best as possible.

**SIDEWALK/CURBS**
Sweep at least once per week. Pick up trash and debris at least twice per week.

July, August, September

**TURF**
Remove any wind driven leaves or trash once per week. Fertilize. Mow.

**TREES/SHRUBS/PERENNIALS**
Look for any: dead, broken wilted branches and excessive insect population. Professional trim and treat as needed.

**WEED CONTROL**
Continue to remove weeds from gardens and other areas.

October, November, December

**TURF**
Remove any wind driven leaves or trash at least once per week.

**TREES/SHRUBS/PERENNIALS**
Look for and repair any breaks and leaks in irrigations systems. Continue to look for unhealthy plants. Rake up fallen leaves and evergreen needles. Be sure there is a six-inch layer of mulch over root zones.

**WEED CONTROL**
Pick weeds and eliminate dormant weeds and weed clusters.

**SIDEWALK/CURBS**
Sweep and remove trash at least once per week. Don’t forget snow removal.