

Ivy and Vines at Westchester Square

Ivy and vines can be attractive on fences, walls and buildings. However, some vines can be destructive to these structures and leave unattractive stains when they are removed. English Ivy can especially be a problem with its roots working into the mortar and any masonry cracks. We have spent a lot of time and money recently to make repairs to our building and patio walls and to our granite wall along the street. The Board has weighed the value and the costs of ivy and vines and has adopted the following guidelines:

1. No ivy or vines of any kind should be on any woodwork, sills, gutters or the granite walls.
2. No English Ivy may be on the building or exterior patio wall masonry. With respect to any other ivy or vine on the outside masonry of any unit:
 - a. The owner of the unit will be responsible for the care and trimming of the vine, as well as the costs of any damage caused by such vine, including any needed repointing and staining; and
 - b. The Association may trim any such ivy or vine, e.g. to keep it from getting too high where it would be difficult to maintain. The Owner would be responsible for the costs of this trimming.
3. Inside patio walls, it is recommended that there be no ivy or vines on the masonry. If the owner chooses to have any vines on the masonry inside the patio:
 - a. The owner will be responsible for the costs of any building or patio wall repairs needed as a result of any damage caused by the vines; and
 - b. The Association will not address or pay for the removal of any staining caused by vines within a patio.