

Property at a glance

Location: Chicago, IL**Staff:** Resurrection Medical Center
Grounds Department**Category:** Hospital or institution**Total budget:** \$295,500**Year site built:** 1953**Acres of turf:** 9.7**Acres of woody ornamentals:** .63**Acres of display beds:** .52**Total paved area:** 19.5 acres**Total man-hours/week:** 240

Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Working with ongoing construction
- ▶ Yearly salt damage
- ▶ Safety of public on grounds

Project checklist

(Completed in last two years):

- ▶ Installation of ornamental bed – front entrance
- ▶ Conversion of ground cover islands to stone
- ▶ Implementation of formal snow removal plan

On the job

- ▶ 6 full-time staff, 0 seasonal employees, 1 licensed pesticide applicator

Resurrection Medical Center

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Being a hospital, there's no doubt Resurrection Medical Center is one busy place. But its six-person in-house grounds crew is just as busy, maintaining all building entry areas, disposing of refuse, cleaning paved surfaces and even replacing light bulbs in outdoor fixtures.

It's a good thing, then, that care of the Medical Center's 600-plus trees is contracted to an outside company. Landscape maintenance, including fertilization of lawns and beds, spring installation of over 12,000 annuals, and snow removal is all handled by the in-house crew. Hand weeding is necessary because weed spraying is next to impossible around the many ornamental plants.

Special attention is given to the hospital's two large interior courtyards because they're both highly visible. St. Joseph Courtyard is surrounded by the main hospital building and can be viewed from all interior windows, while the Professional Building Courtyard can

be viewed by patients waiting for their doctors. Planter pots filled with bonica roses and ageratum hide inground electrical boxes.

The grounds crew makes sure to meticulously mow the main courtyard because of all the people that visit it.



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Patients can view the beautiful landscaping of the courtyard from the office windows in the Professional Building. (Inset) Those participating in monthly barbecues on the cafe patio can also enjoy the sights.

