

City of Plantation Planting Criteria

All plant material shall be Florida No. 1 or better according to Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants. **All trees that are designated as single-trunk trees shall have a single, dominant leader**, proper structural branching and even distribution of their branches and a relatively straight trunk. **Trees with bark inclusion, trees that have been tipped, and co-dominant trunks at any heights will not be accepted. Trees with girdling, circling and/or plunging roots will be considered culls and therefore rejected.**

A pre-planting meeting is required with the Department of Planning, Zoning & Economic Development, Landscape at 954-797-2248 prior to any work being done on the property.

All trees and palms shall be field grown balled and burlapped.

All trees and palms must be planted so the top of the root ball, root flair, and first order roots are at the same level or slightly above the final grade. (Adventitious roots are not considered first order roots.)

All synthetic burlap, synthetic string or cords shall be removed from the rootballs before any trees are planted. The top portion of burlap must be removed from the top of the rootballs. The top 1/3rd of wire baskets shall be removed, the bottom 2/3^{ds} shall be cut before the trees are installed.

All synthetic tape (i.e., tagging tape, nursery tape) shall be removed from trunks, branched, etc. before inspection. Remove all bamboo and metal stakes from the trees.

Trees shall have a mulch ring of a minimum of 4' diameter. Mulch should have a minimum depth of 2" and a maximum depth of 3". All planting beds must be mulched. Mulch should be kept 3" from the base of all plant material. **Cypress mulch, red, gold and green mulch is prohibited.** Other clean hardwood species or clean recycled mulch may be used. Establish clean planting bed lines, leave > 1½ ' on either side of the plant material for maintenance.

All trees and palms shall be guyed with proper horticultural and arboricultural techniques. Do not use wire, black strapping, or other synthetic material for the staking of trees. Please use biodegradable material for staking. Nailing into trees and palms for any reason is prohibited. All staking material shall be removed once trees are established.

Shrubs at the time of installation shall not be less than 2½' in height with a minimum height of 30" for perimeter hedge material.

Ground cover areas at the time of installation shall be planted with a minimum coverage of 75% coverage.

All landscape areas shall be provided with an automatically-operating underground irrigation system; with a minimum of 100% coverage, with 50% minimum overlap in groundcover and shrub areas. The rain sensor must be installed and operational as well as the rust inhibitor if applicable.

In compliance with Section 13-34(6) of the City's landscape code of ordinances all planting bed areas must have a minimum of 6" of planting soil, and all sodded areas shall have 2" of planting soil. This soil shall be tilled into existing soil on site. All soil shall be free of weeds and other noxious materials. Recycled compost is encouraged as a soil amendment. **Please contact the City prior to planting for an inspection of the planting beds/islands.**

All utility equipment, such as FPL boxes, cable TV boxes, back flow preventers, irrigation equipment, and air conditioner units shall be screened with appropriate plant material.

Please use City approved planting details.

Where applicable, appropriate tree protection barriers must be in place prior to the commencement of ANY work on the property.

Where applicable, tree removal and/or tree relocation permits must be obtained through the Department of Planning, Zoning & Economic Development prior to any work being done on the property.

Please follow approved landscape plans for species, sizes, locations, quantities, quality, etc. If you are unable to locate plant material at required specifications please contact our department prior to any changes being made at 954-797-2248.