

All planting projects will be inspected by Urban Forestry staff upon completion to the specifications below.

Plant material:

- ☐ All plant material is correct species as per planting plan.
- ☐ All plant materials furnished meet the grades of the latest edition of American standard for nursery stock ANSI-Z60.
- ☐ All plant materials furnished are healthy, uniformly branched and with well-developed fibrous root systems.
- ☐ All plant materials furnished are free from dead or broken branches, lichens, scars, broken bark or wounds. All plant materials will be insect, weed, and disease free according the requirements of the Washington State Department of Agriculture for nursery plant materials sold for wholesale or retail. All pruning wounds must be well healed with no evidence of decay.
- ☐ If plant material does not meet these standards or specifications, refuse to accept materials.

Planting procedure:

- ☐ TRUNK FLARE is visible/exposed. Top of the root collar shall be level with or up to 1" higher than the existing finish grade at the planting site (higher preferable to lower in heavier soils).
- ☐ ROOT BALL and TRUNK are free from twine and burlap.
- ☐ ARBORIST CHIPS or BARK MULCH (hemlock or fir bark, shredded medium grind size, free from noxious weed seed, debris, and all foreign material) applied at a 3" depth in a 3ft radius around tree, but mulch must stay 3" from trunk. TRUNK FLARE is not covered.
- ☐ TWO WOODEN STAKES, at least 2x2" in diameter preferred.
- ☐ ARBOR TIE or SISAL ROPE TWINE, 3-ply rope preferred, secures tree to stakes. Rope is tied so that it does not constrict the trunk's growth. Plastic chain-lock is not preferred.

Planting site:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 feet or more from existing trees, depending on species. | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 feet from alley and driveway margins. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 feet from the curb line of an intersection. | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 feet from property lines. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 feet from stop signs, yield signs, crosswalks. | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 feet behind curb or sidewalk if no planting strip exists. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 feet from street lights. (If columnar variety is selected, the distance can be reduced to 15 feet.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 feet recommended from building foundations depending on species. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 feet from traffic signs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Planting site meets the minimum planting strip width as per the City of Vancouver Street Tree Selection List. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 feet from stormwater drains. | <input type="checkbox"/> If tree is to be planted under powerlines, mature height not to exceed 25 feet tall. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 feet from utility infrastructure (hydrant, water meter, underground utilities, poles). | |