

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 Environmental Landscaping Division at landscapeinfo@plantation.org 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 root balls before any trees are planted. The top portion of burlap must be removed from the top of the root balls. The top one-third of wire baskets shall be removed and the bottom two-thirds shall be cut before the trees are installed.

All synthetic tape (i.e., tagging tape, nursery tape) shall be removed from trunks and branches before inspection. Remove all bamboo and metal stakes from the trunks of 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 and colored or dyed mulches are prohibited.** Other clean hardwood species or clean recycled mulch may be used.

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 30" in height. When used as a hedge, shrubs must be touching (tip to tip) at the time of planting.

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

All landscape areas shall be provided with an automatically-operating underground irrigation system, with a minimum of 100% coverage and 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 27-254(b) of the City's landscape code of ordinances, all planting bed areas must have a minimum of 6" of planting soil. This soil shall be tilled into existing soil on site. All soil shall be free of construction debris, rocks, weeds and other noxious materials. Native topsoil shall be retained and used on site. Recycled compost or other horticulturally acceptable organic material is encouraged as a soil amendment.

All above-ground utility equipment, such as FPL boxes, cable TV boxes, back flow preventors, irrigation equipment, pool equipment, generators, gas tanks, and air conditioner units shall be screened with appropriate plant material.

Use City approved tree planting details.

Where applicable, appropriate tree protection barriers must be in place prior to **ANY** work being done on the property and must remain for the duration of the work.

Where applicable, permits for the removal and/or relocation of trees and palms must be obtained through the Environmental Landscaping Division 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 the Environmental Landscaping Division at 954-414-7395.