

LANDSCAPE SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK:
THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ALL CLEARING, FINISHED GRADING, SOIL PREPARATION, PERMANENT SEEDING OR SODDING, PLANTING AND MULCHING INCLUDING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, UNLESS OTHERWISE CONTRACTED BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

2. MATERIALS
A. GENERAL - ALL HARDSCAPE MATERIALS SHALL MEET OR EXCEED SPECIFICATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SPECIFICATIONS.

B. TOPSOIL - NATURAL, FRAGILE, LOAMY SILT SOIL HAVING AN ORGANIC CONTENT NOT LESS THAN 5%, A PH RANGE BETWEEN 4.5-7.0. IT SHALL BE FREE OF DEBRIS, ROCKS LARGER THAN ONE INCH (1"), WOOD, ROOTS, VEGETABLE MATTER AND CLAY CLOUDS.

C. LAWN - ALL DISTURBED AREAS ARE TO BE TREATED WITH A MINIMUM 6" THICK LAYER OF TOPSOIL, OR AS DIRECTED BY THE LOCAL ORDINANCE OR CLIENT, AND SEEDED OR SODDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMANENT STABILIZATION METHODS INDICATED ON LANDSCAPE PLAN.
I. LAWN SEED MIXTURE SHALL BE FRESH, CLEAN NEW CROP SEED.
II. SOIL SHALL BE STRONGLY ROOTED, WEED AND DISEASE-FREE WITH A UNIFORM THICKNESS. SOD INSTALLED ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 4:1 SHALL BE PEGGED TO PLACE.

D. MULCH - ALL PLANTING BEDS SHALL BE MULCHED WITH A 2" THICK LAYER OF DOUBLE SHREDDED HARDWOOD BARK MULCH, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ON THE LANDSCAPE PLAN AND/OR DETAILS.

E. FERTILIZER
I. FERTILIZER SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE MIXED AS SPECIFIED IN THE ORIGINAL UNOPENED STANDARD BAGS SHOWING WEIGHT, ANALYSIS AND NAME OF MANUFACTURER.
II. FERTILIZER SHALL BE STORED IN A WEATHERPROOF PLACE SO THAT IT CAN BE KEPT DRY PRIOR TO USE.
III. FOR THE PURPOSE OF BIDINGS, ASSUME THAT FERTILIZER SHALL BE 10% NITROGEN, 6% PHOSPHORUS AND 4% POTASSIUM BY WEIGHT. A FERTILIZER SHOULD NOT BE SELECTED WITHOUT A SOIL TEST PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED SOIL LABORATORY.

F. PLANT MATERIAL
I. ALL PLANTS SHALL IN ALL CASES CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK" (ANSI Z60.1), LATEST EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN).
II. IN ALL CASES, BOTANICAL NAMES SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER COMMON NAMES FOR ANY AND ALL PLANT MATERIAL.
III. PLANTS SHALL BE LEGIBLY TAGGED WITH THE PROPER NAME AND SIZE. TAGS ARE TO REMAIN ON AT LEAST ONE PLANT OF EACH SPECIES FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES DURING THE FINAL INSPECTION.
IV. TREES WITH ABRASION OF THE BARK, SUN SCALDS, DISFIGURATION OR FRESH CUTS OR LIMBS OVER 1/4", WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY CALLEDUS, SHALL BE REJECTED.
V. PLANTS SHALL NOT BE BOUND WITH WIRE OR ROPE AT ANY TIME SO AS TO DAMAGE THE WIRE OR BREAK BRANCHES.
VI. CALIPER MEASUREMENTS OF NURSERY GROWN TREES SHALL BE TAKEN AT A POINT ON THE TRUNK SIX INCHES (6") ABOVE THE NATURAL GRADE FOR TREES UP TO AND INCLUDING A FOUR INCH (4") CALIPER SIZE. IF THE CALIPER AT SIX INCHES (6") ABOVE THE GROUND EXCEEDS FOUR INCHES (4") IN CALIPER, THE CALIPER SHOULD BE MEASURED AT A POINT 12" ABOVE THE NATURAL GRADE.
VII. SHRUBS SHALL BE MEASURED TO THE AVERAGE HEIGHT OR SPREAD OF THE SHRUB, AND NOT TO THE LONGEST BRANCH.
VIII. TREES AND SHRUBS SHALL BE HANDLED WITH CARE BY THE ROOT BALL.

3. GENERAL WORK PROCEDURES:
A. CONTRACTOR TO UTILIZE THE NORKMANLIKE INDUSTRY STANDARDS IN PERFORMING ALL LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION. THE SITE IS TO BE LEFT IN A CLEAN STATE AT THE END OF EACH WORKDAY. ALL DEBRIS, MATERIALS AND TOOLS SHALL BE PROPERLY STORED, STOCKPILED OR DISPOSED OF.
B. WASTE MATERIALS AND DEBRIS SHALL BE COMPLETELY DISPOSED OF AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. DEBRIS SHALL NOT BE BURIED, INCLUDING ORGANIC MATERIALS, BUT SHALL BE REMOVED COMPLETELY FROM THE SITE.
4. SITE PREPARATIONS
A. BEFORE AND DURING PRELIMINARY GRADING AND FINISHED GRADING, ALL WEEDS AND GRASSES SHALL BE DUG OUT BY THE ROOTS AND DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL WORK PROCEDURES OUTLINED HEREIN.
B. ALL EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN SHALL BE PRUNED TO REMOVE ANY DAMAGED BRANCHES. THE ENTIRE LIMB OF ANY DAMAGED BRANCH SHALL BE CUT OFF AT THE BRANCH COLLAR. CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT CUTS ARE SMOOTH AND STRAIGHT. ANY EXPOSED ROOTS SHALL BE CUT BACK WITH CLEAN, SHARP TOOLS AND TOPSOIL SHALL BE PLACED AROUND THE REMAINDER OF THE ROOTS. EXISTING TREES SHALL BE MONITORED ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL ROOT OR BRANCH DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF CONSTRUCTION. ROOTS SHALL NOT BE LEFT EXPOSED FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) DAY. CONTRACTOR SHALL WATER EXISTING TREES AS NEEDED TO PREVENT SHOCK OR DECLINE.

C. CONTRACTOR SHALL ARRANGE TO HAVE A UTILITY STAKE-OUT TO LOCATE ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ANY LANDSCAPE MATERIAL. UTILITY COMPANIES SHALL BE CONTACTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF WORK.
5. TREE PROTECTION
A. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN. A TREE PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE DRIP LINE OR AT THE LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. LOCAL STANDARDS THAT MAY REQUIRE A MORE STRICT TREE PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE HONORED.
B. A FORTY-EIGHT (48) HIGH WOODEN SNOW FENCE OR ORANGE COLORED HIGH-DENSITY VISI-FENCE, OR APPROVED EQUAL, MOUNTED ON STEEL POSTS SHALL BE PLACED ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE. POSTS SHALL BE LOCATED AT A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT FEET (8") ON CENTER OR AS INDICATED WITHIN THE TREE PROTECTION DETAIL.
C. WHEN THE TREE PROTECTION FENCING HAS BEEN INSTALLED, IT SHALL BE INSPECTED BY THE APPROVING AGENCY PRIOR TO DEMOLITION, GRADING, TREE CLEARING OR ANY OTHER CONSTRUCTION. THE FENCING ALONG THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE REGULARLY INSPECTED BY THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR AND MAINTAINED UNTIL ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
D. NO TIME SHALL MACHINERY, DEBRIS, FALLEN TREES OR OTHER MATERIALS BE PLACED, STOCKPILED OR LEFT STANDING IN THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE.

6. SOIL MODIFICATIONS
A. CONTRACTOR SHALL ATTAIN A SOIL TEST FOR ALL AREAS OF THE SITE PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY PLANTING. SOIL TESTS SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED SOIL LABORATORY.
B. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPORT ANY SOIL OR DRAINAGE CONDITIONS CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO THE GROWTH OF PLANT MATERIAL. SOIL MODIFICATIONS, AS SPECIFIED HEREIN, MAY NEED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS.
C. THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AND QUANTITIES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY. COMPOSITION OF AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE REVISED DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF A TOPSOIL ANALYSIS PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED SOIL LABORATORY.
I. TO INCREASE A SANDY SOIL'S ABILITY TO RETAIN WATER AND NUTRIENTS, THOROUGHLY TILL ORGANIC MATTER INTO THE TOP 6-12". USE COMPOSTED BARK, COMPOSTED LEAF MULCH OR PEAT MOSS. ALL PRODUCTS SHOULD BE COMPOSTED TO A DARK COLOR AND BE FREE OF PIECES WITH IDENTIFIABLE LEAF OR WOOD STRUCTURE. AVOID MATERIAL WITH A PH HIGHER THAN 7.5.
II. TO INCREASE DRAINAGE, MODIFY HEAVY CLAY OR SILT (MORE THAN 40% CLAY OR SILT) BY ADDING COMPOSTED PINE BARK (UP TO 30% BY VOLUME) AND/OR AGRICULTURAL GYPSUM. COARSE SAND MAY BE USED IF ENOUGH IS ADDED TO BRING THE SAND CONTENT TO MORE THAN 60% OF THE TOTAL MIX. SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE LINES MAY NEED TO BE ADDED TO INCREASE DRAINAGE.
III. MODIFY EXTREMELY SANDY SOILS (MORE THAN 85%) BY ADDING ORGANIC MATTER AND/OR DRY, SHREDDED CLAY LOAM UP TO 30% OF THE TOTAL MIX.
7. FINISHED GRADING
A. UNLESS OTHERWISE CONTRACTED, THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TOPSOIL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FINE-GRADING WITHIN THE DISTURBANCE AREA OF THE SITE.
B. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY THAT SUBGRADE FOR INSTALLATION OF TOPSOIL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE SUBGRADE OF THE SITE MUST MEET THE FINISHED GRADE LESS THE REQUIRED TOPSOIL THICKNESS (1"4).
**C. ALL LAWN AND PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE GRADED TO A SMOOTH, EVEN AND UNIFORM PLANE WITH NO ABRUPT CHANGE OF SURFACE AS DEPICTED WITHIN THIS SET OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.
D. ALL PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE GRADED AND MAINTAINED TO ALLOW FREE FLOW OF SURFACE WATER IN AND AROUND THE PLANTING BEDS. STANDING WATER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN PLANTING BEDS.**

8. TOPSOILING
A. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A 6" THICK MINIMUM LAYER OF TOPSOIL, OR AS DIRECTED BY THE LOCAL ORDINANCE OR CLIENT, IN ALL PLANTING AREAS. TOPSOIL SHALL BE SPREAD OVER A PREPARED SURFACE IN A UNIFORM LAYER TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED COMPACTED THICKNESS.
B. ON-SITE TOPSOIL MAY BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED. TOPSOIL FROM A SITE MAY BE REJECTED IF IT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY REMOVED, STORED AND PROTECTED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
C. CONTRACTOR SHALL PURCHASE AN ANALYSIS OF BOTH IMPORTED AND ON-SITE TOPSOIL TO BE UTILIZED IN ALL PLANTING AREAS. THE PH AND NUTRIENT LEVELS MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED THROUGH TOPSOIL MODIFICATIONS AS NEEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED LEVELS AS SPECIFIED IN THE MATERIALS SECTION ABOVE.
D. ALL LAWN AREAS ARE TO BE CULTIVATED TO A DEPTH OF SIX INCHES (6"). ALL DEBRIS EXPOSED FROM EXCAVATION AND CULTIVATION SHALL BE

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