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## **five year landscape maintenance plan**

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### **TREES**

#### **WATERING**

. Water Newly planted trees thoroughly during drought periods. As a guide:

- Each tree to receive 40L of water at each scheduled watering operation to ensure roots are well irrigated
- Ensure trees are well irrigated in dry conditions and soil moisture is appropriate to species planted;
- Carry out crown spraying during evening hours if required.

#### **STABILITY**

. Check stability of trees, especially after severe winds and firm as necessary (at least 4 inspections per year).

- Replace loose, broken or decayed stakes to original specification.
- If longer than half of clear tree stem height, cut to this height in spring. Re-tie to tree firmly but not tightly with a single tie.
- Adjust, re-fix or replace loose or defective ties, allowing for growth and to prevent chafing. Where chafing has occurred, reposition or replace ties to prevent further chafing.
- Stakes and ties shall be removed during spring when no longer required to support the tree
- . Fill stake holes with lightly compacted soil.
- . Re-firm trees after strong winds, frost heave and other disturbances.
- Tread around the base until firmly bedded.
- Collars in soil at base of tree stems created by tree movement shall be broken up by fork, avoiding damage to roots. Backfill with topsoil and re-firm.

#### **FEEDING**

. Apply Multi- purpose plant food and soil improver / fertiliser each season in March or April.

- Spread evenly.
- Carefully lift and replace any mulch materials.
- Apply at manufacturer's recommended rate.

#### **REPLACEMENT**

. Replace any trees that have failed (between 1 November and 31 March).

#### **DISEASE CHECK**

. Carry out annual check for signs of disease and undertake treatment as required.

#### **PRUNING**

. Carry out pruning as and when necessary to maintain natural habit of the tree, in keeping with good horticultural practice:

- Before starting work agree which trees, are to be pruned. Avoid damage to neighbouring trees, plants and property.
- All works to be to BS 3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work, and Health & Safety Executive (HSE) 'Forestry and arboriculture safety leaflets'
- Cut branches as Arboricultural Association Leaflet 'Mature tree management'.
- Cut vertical branches similarly, with no more slope on the cut surface than is necessary to shed rainwater.
- Leave trees with a well-balanced natural appearance.
- Operatives must hold a Certificate of Competence for Chain saw work.
- All tree work is to be carried out by an approved member of the Arboricultural Association.
- Use appropriate, well maintained and sharp tools
- For final pruning cuts:

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- Do not use chainsaws on branches of less than 50mm diameter.
- When using hand saws, form a smooth cut surface.
- Removing branches: Do not damage or tear the stem.
- Wounds: Keep as small as possible, cut cleanly back to sound wood leaving a smooth surface, and angled so that water will not collect on the cut area.
- Cut at a fork or at the main stem to avoid stumps wherever possible.
- Remove large branches in small sections and lower to ground with ropes and slings.
- Dead branches and stubs: When removing, do not cut into live wood.
- Remove epicormic shoots and potentially weak forks that could fail in adverse weather conditions.

## **ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS, CLIMBERS AND GRASSES**

### **WATERING**

- . Water new planting thoroughly during drought periods. As a guide:
  - Water Twice Monthly from April to October.
  - Ensure full depth of topsoil is thoroughly wetted to aid plant establishment.

### **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

- . Duration the initial establishment period of newly planted shrubs, climbers and grasses, carry out maintenance operations as follows:
  - Keep planting beds clear of weeds by use of hand weeding and by maintaining full depth of mulch.
  - Fork over beds to keep soil loose, with gentle cambers and no hollows. Do not reduce depth or effect of mulch.
  - . Apply Multi purpose plant food and soil improver / fertiliser each season in March or April.
    - Spread evenly.
    - Carefully lift and replace any mulch materials.
    - Apply at manufacturer's recommended rate.

### **PRUNING**

- . Prune ornamental shrubs, climbers and grasses to encourage healthy and bushy growth and desirable ornamental features, e.g. flowers, fruit, autumn colour, stem colour.
- . Remove suckers by cutting back level with the source stem or root.
- Timing for pruning shall be as follows:
  - Winter flowering shrubs in Spring.
  - Shrubs flowering between March and July, immediately after the flowering period.
  - Shrubs flowering between July and October, back to old wood in winter.
- . At the end of the growing season, check all shrubs and remove dead foliage, dead wood, and broken or damaged branches and stems.

### **REPLACEMENT**

- . Remove dead and diseased plants as soon as possible and replace in the next scheduled round of replacement planting.
- Replace plants as follows:
  - . To original specification or to match the size of adjacent or nearby plants of the same species, whichever is the greater.
  - . Dressing with soil Association certified organic granular slow release fertiliser applied at manufacturer's recommended rate.
  - . Remove weeds entirely, including roots.
  - . Remove the minimum quantity of soil, and disturb plants, bulbs and mulched surfaces as little as possible. Upon completion, rake area to a neat, clean condition. Reinststate mulch to original depth.
  - . Prick up to aerate the soil of root areas and break surface crust and reduce to crumb and level off. Do not damage plants and their roots.
  - . If required in planting areas, top up mulch (with same type) to 50 mm thickness. Sweep and replace mulch spill on adjacent areas, if not contaminated with weeds and rubbish, return to planted area

## **FACADE PLANTING - IVY WALLS**

### **WATERING & FEEDING**

- . facade planting to be automatically irrigated and auto fed with a liquid feed

### **PRUNING**

- . use clippers to prune out unwanted growth annually (or every other year - depending on growth rate), cutting back any stray growth to ensure that the climber grows attractively and healthily, covering the wall efficiently and remaining easy to maintain.
- . if plants have spindly stems without many growth buds, shorten the main stems by aone-third, to encourage vigour and bushing out.