

DIVISION 2

SECTION 02935 – PLANTING MAINTENANCE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 Scope

- A. Furnish all supervision, labor, material equipment, and transportation, and perform all operations in connection with and reasonably incidental to maintaining all planting, including winter watering, called for under this contract. Maintain landscape materials in an attractive, healthy, operable condition until seeded areas are established, landscape punch list items are complete, and all landscape work is accepted by Owner.

1.02 Quality Assurance

- A. Work Force: Contractor's representative shall be experienced in planting and irrigation maintenance.
- B. Maintenance Record: Submit to the Owner's Representative a monthly record of all maintenance operations performed, including a record of all herbicides, insecticides, and disease control chemicals used.

1.03 Environmental Conditions

- A. The requirements for winter treatment of plants will be applicable when the maintenance period extends past October 15.

PART 2 - MATERIALS

2.01 Materials

- A. Replacement materials shall conform to the specifications for original installation.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 Tree Care

- A. Watering: When hand watering, use a water wand to break the water force. All trees and shrubs shall be winter watered using a need type root feeder at least once per month between irrigation system winterization and spring start-up. Irrigation system may be used for winter watering, providing the system is re-winterized after each use.
- B. Staking: Inspect stakes monthly to prevent girdling of trunks or branches, and to prevent rubbing that causes bark wounds. Remove stakes and guys after one year, or as determined by Owner's Representative. Stakes will remain the Contractor's property and shall be removed from the site.
- C. Weed Control: Keep planting areas free of weeds. Use recommended legally approved herbicides. Avoid frequent soil cultivation that destroys shallow roots. Weed at least once per week.
- D. Insect and Disease Control: Maintain reasonable control with approved materials to prevent visual and structural damage to the plants.
- E. Wounds: All wounds or injuries should be traced out and disinfected with alcohol or equal. No tree wound compounds or paints shall be applied.
- F. Tree rings: Mulched tree rings shall be kept tidy and weed free.

- G. Replacement of Plants: Remove dead and dying plants and replace with plants of an equal size, condition, and variety or original planting plan. Replacements shall be made at no expense to Owner.
- H. Trash Removal: Remove trash, clipped grass, and blown dirt weekly from shrub beds, lawns, walks, and tree basins. Keep the entire area within the limits of planting free from trash and dirt (water or wind carried) at all times. Repair erosion damage for duration of maintenance period.

3.02 Turfgrass Care

- A. Mowing: Mow only the turf areas as needed to maintain a height of 3 inches. Do not mow wildflowers.
- B. Edging: Trim edges at least twice monthly or as needed for neat appearance. Catch clippings and removed from lawn areas. Vacuum or blow off walks.
- C. Watering: Water turf areas at the frequency required to obtain proper turf establishment and to maintain a lush, green lawn. Apply water in such a way to encourage deep root growth.

3.03 Low Maintenance Grasses

- A. Mowing: Mow low maintenance grasses and wetlands grasses only after they have produced mature seeds and/or gone dormant for the winter or for weed control.
- B. Watering: Water as frequently as needed to obtain plant establishment (usually 6 to 8 weeks) and thereafter as needed to avoid dieback. Apply water slowly and deeply to prevent runoff and encourage deep root growth.
- C. Weed Control: The Owner will determine the need for weed control.

END OF SECTION