

622-R-799 PLANTING TREES, SHRUBS, AND VINES

(Adopted 07-17-25)

The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 622, BEGIN LINE 13, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

622.02 Materials

Materials shall be in accordance with the following:

Backfill Material	914.01
Fertilizer	914.03
Mulch	914.05(b)
Pipe.....	914.09(e)
Plants <i>Materials</i>	914.08
Porous Material	914.09(d)
Tree Wound Dressing	914.09(e)
Water	914.09(a)

SECTION 622, BEGIN LINE 120, DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

622.07 Pruning

Before the plant is placed in the plant hole, any bruised or broken parts of roots shall be cut off smoothly as approved unless otherwise specified or directed. All plants shall be pruned either before or after planting. Such pruning generally shall consist of thinning out or cutting back secondary branching to reduce the foliage by 1/3 to 1/2 in accordance with accepted horticultural practices. Pruning operations shall maintain the general crown outline and characteristic branching pattern for each species. Pruning or cutting back of terminal leaders which are over 3/8 in. in diameter at the point of cut will not be allowed. Broken or dead branches, or any other objectionable parts of the plant, shall be removed throughout the life of the contract. Pruning tools shall be kept sharp and shall be sterilized in denatured alcohol after each hour of use. ~~All cut surfaces 3/8 in. or more in diameter shall be painted with a tree wound dressing.~~

Bare rooted shrubs shall be cut back to 1/2 their minimum specified height as shown on the plans. Pruning shall be performed ~~after the shrubs have been sealed with Department seals and~~ prior to the leaf buds breaking dormancy. At the time of the spring and fall inspections, bare rooted shrubs will be accepted at their original specified height provided they are healthy, in good growing condition, and are no less than 1/2 the minimum specified height.

SECTION 622, BEGIN LINE 309, DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

622.16 Damage to Plants

During all operations of tree protection, care shall be used to prevent unnecessary cutting of roots and to prevent scarring or damage to selected trees or shrubs. Motorized equipment shall not be operated within the drip line of trees unless specified. Where trimming of branches or cutting of roots is necessary, all cuts shall be made cleanly with proper sharp tools in accordance with generally accepted horticultural practices. ~~Scared areas and cut surfaces 3/8 in. or more in diameter shall be covered completely with a tree wound dressing.~~