

GROUND COVER AREA/SHRUB AREAS:

Edging:

Edge ground cover as needed to keep within bounds and away from obstacles.

Pruning:

Shrubs shall be pruned only as necessary to maintain the natural form of the plant, to maintain growth within space limitations, and to eliminate damage or diseased wood. This excludes pruning necessitated by storm damage, disease, neglected overgrowth or winterkill.

Weed Control:

Keep beds reasonably free of broadleaf or grassy weeds, preferably with pre-emergent and/or selective post-emergent/contact herbicides.

Pre-emerge: This type of control should be used only if a known weed problem warrants its use.

Post-emerge: Control broadleaf weeds with selective herbicides.

The chosen chemical will be recommended and legally approved for the specific weed problem.

Fertilization:

Apply fertilizer as warranted. The number of applications will be dependent on the type of nitrogen used and the type of plant material.

Fungicide:

Apply recommended, legally approved fungicides to control disease-causing damage to ornamentals if warranted.

Pesticide:

Apply recommended, legally approved pesticides to control insects causing damage to ornamentals if warranted.

Control of imported pests:

Certain locations in the United States have a record of accidental introduction of pests from other countries. These imported pests can be very damaging and difficult or impossible to control with available products. Where such pests become a problem Contractor will recommend the most cost effective alternatives for pest mitigation. Such recommendations may include plant replacement or intensified treatment schedules that may require additional cost to the customer.

TREE CARE:

Pruning:

Height limitation for tree pruning covered in the specification is 12 feet. On trees over 12 feet in height only low-hanging branches that present a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic will be raised. Trees under 12 feet are scheduled to be pruned in the winter months except for safety-related pruning, which will be done only if necessary.

Staking:

Stakes are to be inspected and adjusted or removed as necessary. When trees attain a trunk caliper of 4" or substantial root development stability, removal will be discussed with client.

Palm Pruning:

Dead or dying fronds should be removed annually. It is best to leave healthy fronds when possible and defer to specific pruning methods and finished cuts per palm type.
