

Tree Planting Executive Summary

- The tree planting season is from October 1st to March 31st
- All tree stock must meet ANSI Z60.1 standard. Trees should be healthy, single stem (unless specified multistem), with a clear dominate leader and good branch spacing. Trees with poor form, diseases, or extensive damage will be rejected and replaced at no cost to the owner.
- Trees must be installed according to spec, which is equal to or more rigorous than the ANSI200 standard. Trees installed improperly must be reinstalled, or in some cases, replaced.
- Once trees arrive on site, the contractor is responsible for installing them in a timely manner. Contractors are responsible for replacing trees which die due to improper handling or installation.
- All girdling roots must be corrected before planting and root collars must be exposed to the root flair. Beyond removing broken branches, no pruning shall be done to the tree within the first year.
- Healthy trees which are properly planted in good soil do not need to be staked. Staking may be used only with approval to address site specific problems.
- Good soil leads to a successful landscape. All construction compaction must be corrected, and soil amended as appropriate.
- When trees are planted in a group, prepare the planting bed instead of individual holes.
- All tagging, flagging, wires, and other debris must be removed from all of the trees before turnover.
- All trees Duke University purchases must come with a 1 year warrantee guaranteeing plants will be alive, disease free, and without dead or dying branches and branch tips shall bear foliage of normal density, size and color.
- Dead trees must be removed immediately upon notification and replaced as soon as weather conditions permit, and within the specified planting period.