



GENERAL:

1. All plant material shall be nursery stock conforming to the latest edition of the Canadian Standards for Nursery Stock as published by the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association.
2. All plants shall be healthy, vigorous plants, free from defects, decay, disfiguring roots, sun-scald injuries, bark abrasions, plant diseases and pests and all forms of infestations or objectionable disfigurements.
3. All plants shall be true to name, size, condition and quantity as per plan and plant list specifications.
4. All plant material shall be unwrapped prior to inspection. The Town of Aurora reserves the right to inspect all plant material and reject all material that does not meet the standards listed herein.
5. Substitutions will not be accepted without prior written request by the consulting Landscape Architect and written approval by the Town of Aurora. Additional plant quantities will be required to compensate for approved reduction in size due to unavailability of materials, to the satisfaction of the Town of Aurora.

TREES:

6. All trees shall be open-grown for wind-firmness. Trees shall not be leaning or have significant sweep, crook or bend. Deciduous trees shall have approximately two-thirds of their total height in living branches. All trees shall have good crown shape and colour (evergreens) characteristic of their species. Trees shall have a single dominant leader with no side branches taller / longer than the main leader.
7. If required, trees shall be properly target pruned (never flush cut, trimmed, rounded-over, hedged, tipped or topped) and dead / damaged branches shall be removed. Branches that cross-over each other or rub against each other, co-dominant leaders, and branches growing upward inside the crown shall be properly pruned. Trees shall not be treated at any time with wound paint.
8. All trees shall have root ball sizes that meet or exceed nursery standards. Root balls shall be firm and structurally integral with the trunk.

SHRUBS AND GROUND COVERS:

9. Shrubs and ground covers shall have full, well branched crowns typical of species or variety. Root systems shall be ample, well-balanced and fibrous, capable of sustaining vigorous growth. Plants that are weak or thin, undersized, or have been cut back from larger grades to meet specifications shall be rejected.

SOD & SEED:

10. All sod shall be Turfgrass Nursery Sod conforming to the latest specifications of the Ontario Sod Association and the the Nursery Sod Growers Association.
11. All seed shall be Canada certified No. 1 Grade seed conforming to the Government of Canada Seeds Act and Regulations and to the Canadian Seed Growers Association for purity and germination.