

See Standard Specifications Sections 1060 - Landscape Development Materials and 1670 - Planting.

Seasonal Limitations: The initial planting and replacement of plants will be accomplished between October 15th and March 31st for all woody plant material (trees, shrubs and ground covers). All herbaceous plants and containerized grasses will be planted between September 1st and November 30th and March 1st and May 15th depending on requirements of each species. Exceptions to these seasonal limitations are at the discretion of the Engineer and will be submitted in writing. Submit for approval proposed schedule for plant installation, along with plant sources and contact information for them, by July 1st of the year that planting is to begin.

Mulch for Planting: Mulch will be double shredded hardwood bark from a single source unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. **Submit sample for approval prior to placement.**

Install mulch to a finished depth of 4 inches, rake and compact to create a uniform finish.

Water for Planting: Water for Planting will be applied in accordance with the standard specifications. Water for Planting will be furnished as described herein. It is anticipated that installation of the landscape planting and sod, and therefore watering of plant materials and sod, will occur after the site water system has been installed, connected and is functional. Consequently the water for this project will be provided to the contractor through the on site water system. Should a problem occur with the on site water system the contractor will be required to furnish water from an alternative source with no additional compensation to the contractor. All applicable sections of Section 1060, 'Landscape Development Materials' and Section 1670, 'Planting' of the Standard Specifications will apply.

Establishment Period for Planting: An establishment period will begin after satisfactory installation and acceptance of all of the plants. All plants must be in an upright healthy condition, planted at the proper depth, mulched areas will be weed free and tidy and any staking or guying that is utilized must be in proper condition prior to beginning the establishment period. During the establishment period the contractor will be responsible for proper care of the plantings in accordance with Section 1670-14 Establishment.

All plants that do not continue to conform to the specifications and quality as approved when they were installed will be unacceptable. The contractor will remove all plants that are determined to be unacceptable from the site within five days of request by the Engineer. Replacements will be installed within the Seasonal Limitations.

Each month during the establishment period a meeting will be held between the Engineer and the Contractor to discuss establishment work required during that period. Additional meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by the Engineer. All the required work will be performed in a timely manner and with utmost regard to the safety and convenience of the rest area users. Failure on the part of the contractor to complete the required work in a satisfactory manner will result in the Department having the work performed by others and paid for by the Performance Bond.

All requirements of Section 1670-14 Establishment will also be applicable during the Establishment Period for Planting. The Establishment Period for Planting will last a minimum of twelve months and extend into the seasonal limitations for planting in order to allow replacement plantings to be installed. See contract times for exact time period and dates.