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## Maintenance Plan & Schedule of Works

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**Implement for first five years after planting.**

**After five years, trees should be well established and shrubs and climbers mature or semi mature, ensuring ongoing success.**

## Irrigation

Applies to all plants:

- A timed irrigation system is recommended to regularly water the newly planted borders and trees.
- Irrigation should run for the first 2-3 years to ensure establishment of trees and plants.
- Provide extra water in hot dry season.
- If system is implemented, ensure the system is fully shut off before any chance of freezing weather is forecast to prevent potential ruptures and damage.
- Regularly inspect for potential adjustments, areas without adequate or too much coverage, and check that no plant material or debris blocks irrigation heads.
- Repairs: small patch repairs can be made. For large breaks or system changes please refer to irrigation specialists. <https://www.easygardenirrigation.co.uk>
- If watering by hand, water newly planted shrubs and trees weekly.
- Regardless of rain, trees should be well watered weekly for the first three years.

## Plant Specific Maintenance

PLANT	NAME	SEASON OF INTEREST	MATURE HEIGHT X SPREAD	MAINTENANCE
<b>Trees</b>				
	<i>Prunus</i>	Spring - Autumn	10m x 6m	Lightly prune dead or damaged branches in the winter months. Water well for the first 3 years before it is well established.
	<i>Malus domestica</i>	Spring - Autumn	8m x 4m	Remove dead, crossing or damaged branches in mid-summer. Water well for the first 3 years before it is well established. Mulch annually.
<b>Shrubs</b>				
	<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	All year round	4m x 4m	Prune after flowering in spring to maintain desired shape. Mulch annually.
	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i> (Pittosporum)	All year round	2m x 2m	Lightly prune throughout the year to maintain desired shape.
	<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	Spring - Autumn	2m x 2m	Cut back to framework in late autumn. Flowers can be cut through summer for use as a cut flower.
	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Spring - Autumn	0.9m x 0.9m	Cut away all flowers at the end of summer. Lightly prune to encourage softer growth.
<b>Climbers</b>				
	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i> (Jasmine)	All year round	8m x 12m	Prune after flowering in spring to maintain desired size. Tie in new growth.

## **In case of loss**

If any plant should fail, due to lack of maintenance, disease or extreme weather conditions, it should be replaced like for like, or similar based on availability.

If the case arises for a tree to be replaced, the reason for loss should be determined and the same or a suitable variety substituted. Smaller specimens are more likely to become well established in the first few years of planting. Any new tree should be planted and watered correctly and staked. See schedule of works for advice.

## Schedule of Works

See also *1MPR\_Schedule of Works*

*Planting should be carried out when risk of frost has passed. Spring or Autumn is the optimal time for tree planting.*

### Soil Preparation

All areas:

- Existing soil should be sifted of large stones and enriched with well rotted compost.
- Where laying lawn, the ground should be levelled and well watered.

### Planting

Shrubs and climbers:

- Dig hole in soil and remove plant from plastic pot.
- Plant shrubs on a slight mound to avoid sitting water.
- Firm down soil around plants after planting and water immediately.
- Add a generous layer of mulch around base of plants.

Lawn:

- On well levelled ground, with soil free of any stone and debris, lay freshly cut turf and water daily until rooted in. Avoid footfall until rooted.

Trees:

- *Ensure that the root ball is uniformly watered one day prior to planting, if possible, or if the root ball is very large and heavy, consider filling the planting hole with water once the tree has been placed and allow it to fully drain away before backfilling with soil.*
- Dig the planting area twice the size of the root ball. Dig no deeper than the depth of the root ball. Loosen the soil on the sides of the pit.
- Take care not to work the bottom of the pit as this will lead to the tree sinking lower over time.
- Place rootball in tree pit. Lay a plank over the pit to show the soil level across the tree pit. Ideally, the top of the rootball should be raised at least 5cm above the level of the soil.

**Under no circumstances should the top of the root ball be buried.**

**Do not mound the soil against the trunk of the tree which will lead to rot.**

- Backfilling:

Soil composition should generally be approximately:

- 70% topsoil
- 30% decomposed organic matter (compost)
- Separate and remove any subsoil.
- After planting, tamp down the soil gently by foot to ensure good root-soil contact and to extinguish air pockets.
- Afterwards, soil should be compacted with a water sprinkler or hose. Heavy foot traffic around the planting area should be avoided.
- Stake tree to avoid movement of rootball.
- Water in well and add layer of mulch.

## Plant Schedule

PLANT	NAME	QUANTITY	MATURE HEIGHT X SPREAD	COMMENTS
<b>Trees</b>				
	<i>Prunus</i>	1	12m x 8m	Standard tree, bare root or potted. Min 10L potted
	<i>Malus domestica</i>	1	8m x 4m	Rootstock: MM106 8-12mm. Semi-vigorous
<b>Shrubs</b>				
	<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	4	3m x 3m	Shrub form Min 2L pot
	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i> (Pittosporum)	5	2m x 2m	Shrub form Min 2L pot
	<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	4	2m x 2m	Shrub form Min 2L pot
	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	16	0.9m x 0.9m	Shrub form Min 2L pot
<b>Climbers</b>				
	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i> (Jasmine)	6	8m x 12m	3L pot