

SPECIFICATION FOR YOUNG TREE MAINTENANCE AND IRRIGATION

1. Frequency of Visit:

- 1.1. Young trees shall be maintained for a period of three years from planting and will receive three basic maintenance visits per annum though the summer in March, May and August. In addition the trees shall be irrigated on a fortnightly basis on up to ten occasions during the months of March to September if necessary.

2. Basic Maintenance:

- 2.1. A 1000mm diameter weed free area shall be maintained around each tree. This shall be achieved through the application of a translocated residual herbicide. Any debris shall also be removed.
- 2.2. Ties and stakes shall be checked for firmness and re-secured or replaced if necessary.
- 2.3. Trees shall be checked for firmness and heeled in if necessary.
- 2.4. The wood chip mulch shall be maintained at a minimum depth of 50mm.
- 2.5. Any dead, dying or vandalised trees shall be recorded in the database.

3. Irrigation:

- 3.1. Irrigation shall be undertaken during periods of dry weather.
- 3.2. Prior to the application of water a garden fork shall be inserted to a depth of one spit in four separate places through out the tree pit.
- 3.3. 20 litres of water shall be applied to each tree per visit directly into the pit or into an irrigation tube if one is present.

SPECIFICATION FOR REMOVAL OF STAKES AND TIES

1. Inspection:

- 1.1. In November each year Complete Tree Care shall visit all Young Trees planted three years or more previously and assess them for establishment.

2. De-staking:

- 2.1. De-staking shall include the removal of stakes and ties, with the stake hole backfilled.

- 2.2.** Trees that are not de-staked shall be retained on the YTM programme for the following year and then re-assessed for establishment.