

TABLE 1: New Planting Establishment Period (24 months for trees, else 12 months). Minimum 18 VISITS

Task	Season	Area	Action	Frequency (per year)
1	Spring through Autumn	All planted areas	Trees <u>Checking:</u> All tree ties and the stake are to be checked and adjusted if too loose, too tight or if chaffing is occurring. Any broken stakes are to be replaced.	1
2	Spring through Autumn	All planted areas	Trees and Shrubs <u>Watering</u> All trees and shrubs (for grass areas see below) are to be watered during the growing season following any dry periods of 7 days. Planting areas are to be brought up to field capacity at each visit and the tree is to receive 20 gallons.	18
3	September	All planted areas	Trees and Shrubs Fertilizer: Apply a 5:10:10 autumn fertilizer at 50g/m2. or equivalent in September.	1
4	In accordance with good horticultural practice	All planted areas	Shrubs <u>Formative pruning:</u> Any damaged shoots/branches are to be pruned back to healthy wood. Plants are to be pruned in accordance with good horticultural practice to maintain healthy well-shaped specimens.	In accordance with good horticultural practice
5	Spring through Autumn	All planted areas	Weed clearance: All planted areas are to be kept weed-free by hand weeding or herbicide treatment	18
6	Spring through Autumn	All planted areas	Litter clearance: All litter is to be removed from planting beds	18
7	Spring through Autumn	Lawns	Grass areas <u>Litter:</u> Before each cut clear off all litter and debris, and remove from site. <u>Mowing:</u> The height of growth must not exceed 65mm at any time. Cut as and when necessary to a height of 35 mm, and remove all arisings. <u>Edging:</u> At the time of each cut trim all grass edges, round the base of existing trees, around planting beds, manholes, street furniture etc and remove arisings. Maintain a 600mm diameter circle free of grass and weeds around all new trees. Sweep all adjoining hard surfaces clear of cuttings and remove. At the end of the Defects Period form edges with a suitable edging tool to clean straight lines or smooth curves. Draw back soil from edges to permit use of edging shears and remove all arisings. <u>Weeding:</u> Keep the sward free of broadleaved weeds by applying a suitable selective herbicide for ornamental lawns.	15 (min)
8	Spring through Autumn	Lawns	Grass areas <u>Watering:</u> Ensure that sufficient water is applied to maintain healthy growth. Suggest to Landscape Architect when watering may be required and when instructed carry out using a fine rose or sprinkler until the full depth of topsoil is saturated.	5 minimum (and as required)
9	September	Lawns	Grass areas <u>Fertiliser:</u> Apply a 5:10:10 Autumn fertilizer at 50g/m2. or equivalent in September.	1
10	Autumn	All planted areas	<u>Mulching:</u> top up mulch to 50mm depth of ornamental planting beds, hedgerows and around specimen trees.	1
11	Winter	Native and ornamental hedges	<u>Hedge trimming:</u> Trim to shape in the first winter after planting. Top growth will be cut back by 50% to encourage bushy side growth. Any damaged shoots/branches are to be pruned back to healthy wood.	1
12	All year	All planted areas	<u>Defects:</u> Replace all dead/dying trees and dead shrubs, perennials, grass, within 12 months.	In accordance with good horticultural practice