

CHECK-LIST FOR HEALTHY TREES MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Solicit the support of a qualified arborist who will provide training: on planting day, and with the long term maintenance of the trees.

- ✓ **Arborist Inspection Schedule:**
 - Three, six months, and one year after installation.
 - Note: If a tree is stressed this schedule should be adjusted for more frequent visits. If there are significant changes in the tree prior to the first visit, call the arborist!

- ✓ **The three month arborist inspection visit will include:**
 - Checking the color and size of the tree.
 - Checking for mechanical injuries.
 - Adjusting stakes if necessary.
 - Pruning damaged branches (structural pruning).
 - Checking and/or replacing tree guards.
 - Ensuring the proper amount of watering is being done and inspecting for water coverage.
 - Looking for insect infestation.

- ✓ **The six month inspection visit will include:**
 - All of the above
 - Replenishing the mulch if necessary.
 - Checking the soil and root zone.

- ✓ **The one year inspection visit will include:**
 - All of the above.
 - Removing stakes.
 - Replenishing the mulch.
 - Removing tree protection.
 - Recommending replanting if necessary.

- ✓ **Prescription if the tree/project needs help:**
 - Send soil and leaf tissue samples to UH for analysis.
 - Replace the tree guards and/or stakes and mulch (for mechanical injury).
 - At least 4-inches of mulch should be placed at a 3-foot diameter around the base of the trunk.
 - Green mulch is NOT recommended for young trees.
 - Use wood chips so as not to draw moisture from the trees.

- ✓ **Make recommendations on frequency and quantity of watering should structural pruning be required:**
 - Remove all dead, dying and damaged branches.
 - Remove cross branches, V-crotches and co-dominant stems.
 - Make an appointment with the arborist if you have any questions.