S.O.G. 407

Planting Details: Trees and Shrubs

Handout

Look for the following details. When you see one or more, contact your supervisor when you can. When working on a detail crew, you need to know what to look for.

TREES:

1. Limbs blocking line of sight.
2. Limbs blocking clearance for pedestrians.
3. Limbs crossing or rubbing each other (opening for diseases).
4. Limbs with weak connection to trunk (may fall in a strong wind).
5. Limbs dead (looks bad and may fall in a strong wind).
6. Too many inner limbs blocking sun and air.
7. Water sprouts on limbs (looks bad).
8. Suckers from the roots (looks bad).
9. Stubs from pruning (looks bad, may scratch someone, and shows poor pruning skills).
10. Obvious litter (looks bad).
11. Pine straw ring should have a crisp look to the edges, out of round with the center of the tree (looks like the tree moved).
12. Evidence of disease, insects, caterpillars, borers or environment stresses (wilting, yellowing, holes, die back, etc.).
13. Pine straw is piled up around the base of the tree trunk. (Needs to have air space so the trunk does not stay wet).
14. Limbs high enough for pedestrian traffic to clear.

SHRUBS:

1. John Waynes (looks bad, large weeds in shrub beds).
2. Legginess (looks bad).
3. Shrubs growing into each other (looks bad).
4. Shrubs overgrowing the bed (looks bad, blocks sidewalks).
5. Too many inner limbs blocking sun and air (growth only on the outside).
6. Dead limbs (looks bad).
7. Stubs from pruning (looks bad, may scratch someone, and shows poor pruning skills).
8. Obvious litter (looks bad).
9. Obvious weeds (looks bad).
10. Pine straw out of bed line or not tucked into trenches (looks bad).
11. Evidence of disease, insects, slugs, or enviro. stresses (wilting, yellowing, holes, die back, etc.).