

REQUEST FOR OFFERS
NO. 21-R077623TB
NATIVE PLANTS
NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Manatee County BCC
Procurement Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West Ste 803
Bradenton, FL 34205
purchasing@mymanatee.org



NOTICE TO OFFERORS, REQUEST FOR OFFERS NUMBER 21-R077623TB

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, will receive Offers from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Offerors) to provide native plants and loading, delivery, and unloading services on an as-needed basis, as specified in this Request for Offers (RFO).

DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:

The Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO is **December 1, 2021 by 3:00 P.M. ET.** Offers must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 or via email to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:

There will not be an Information Conference conducted for this solicitation.

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:

Submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFO to the Manatee County Procurement Division by November 17, 2021. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via email to purchasing@mymanatee.org or to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

Important: A prohibition of lobbying is in place. Review Section A.09 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.

DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT: Tianna Boswell, Procurement Buyer

(941) 749-3043, Fax (941) 749-3034
Email: tianna.boswell@mymanatee.org
Manatee County Financial Management Department
Procurement Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE: _____

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SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

To receive consideration, Offerors must meet the minimum qualification requirements and comply with the instructions contained in this RFO. Offers will be accepted from a single business entity, joint venture, partnership or corporation.

A.01 OFFER DUE DATE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO is **December 1, 2021 by 3:00 P.M. ET**. It will be the responsibility of the Offeror to deliver its Offer to the Manatee County Procurement Division for receipt by the Due Date and Time regardless of the method of submission.

A.02 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

Offeror may submit its Offer by either of the delivery method options below:

A. OPTION ONE – By courier or hand delivery

The contents of the Offer package, if submitted by courier or hand delivery, must include:

- One (1) bound copy identifying Offeror and marked “COPY” with all required information and identical to the Original; and
- One (1) electronic format “Original” copy identifying Offeror. Electronic format copy should be submitted on a Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drives or Compact Disc (CD) in Microsoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® Portable Document Format (PDF) in one (1) continuous file. Do not password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic Offer copies.

Submit the Offer package with the following information clearly marked on the outside: **RFO 21-R077623TB, Native Plants and Offeror’s name** and deliver to Manatee County Procurement Division at the following address:

Manatee County, Procurement Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, FL 34205

B. OPTION TWO – Via Email

The contents of the Offer package, if submitted via email, must include:

- One (1) electronic format “Original” copy identifying Offeror and containing all information required.

Email submission should be submitted in Microsoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® Portable Document Format (PDF) in a single document. Do not password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic Offer submission. Submit the electronic Offer via email with the following information in the email ‘Subject Line’: **RFO 21-R077623TB, Native Plants and Offeror’s name**. Electronic package is to be delivered to the

Designated Procurement Contact via email at tianna.boswell@mymanatee.org prior to the Due Date and Time.

A.03 ORGANIZATION OF OFFERS

Offers must be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed in the subsections within Exhibit 2 identifying the response to each specific item.

Offers must clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the Offeror. Offers must be signed by an individual authorized to make representations for the Offeror.

A.04 ADDENDA

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this RFO will be made by addenda. Addenda will be posted on the Procurement Division's web page of the Manatee County Government (hereinafter referred to as County) website at <http://www.mymanatee.org/purchasing> > *Bids and Proposals*. For those solicitations that are advertised on a third-party website, addenda will also be posted on the third-party distribution system on the 'Planholders' link.

All addenda are a part of the RFO and each Offeror will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each Offeror to read and comprehend all addenda issued. Failure of any Offeror to acknowledge an issued addendum in its Offer will not relieve the Offeror from any obligation contained therein.

Manatee County will not be responsible for oral interpretations given by other sources including County staff, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum by the Procurement Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information will be given.

A.05 OFFEROR EXPENSES

All costs incurred by Offeror in responding to this RFO and to participate in any interviews/presentations/demonstrations, including travel, will be the sole responsibility of the Offeror.

A.06 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS

Offers which contain false or misleading statements or which provide references which do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the Offeror, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of the County, such information was intended to mislead the County in its evaluation of the Offer, and the attribute, condition or capability is a requirement of this RFO. Such Offeror will be disqualified from consideration for this RFO and may be disqualified from submitting a response on future solicitation opportunities with the County.

A.07 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF OFFERS

Offerors may withdraw Offers under the following circumstances:

A. If Offeror discovers a mistake(s) prior to the Due Date and Time. Offeror may

withdraw its Offer by submitting a written notice to the Procurement Division. The notice must be received in the Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time for receiving Offers. A copy of the request shall be retained and the unopened Offer returned to the Offeror; or

- B. After the Offers are opened but before a contract is signed, Offeror alleges a material mistake of fact if:
1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
 2. Offeror submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made in the Offer. Request to withdraw an Offer must be in writing and approved by the Procurement Official.

A.08 JOINT VENTURES

Offerors intending to submit an Offer as a joint venture with another entity are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and all other State or local licensing agencies as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

A.09 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective Bidders, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Bidders, shall contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any County officers, agents or employees, other than the Procurement Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Procurement Official or designee. This prohibition includes copying such persons on written communications (including email correspondence) but does not apply to presentations made to evaluation committees or at a County Commission meeting where the Commission is considering approval of a proposed contract/purchase order. This requirement ends upon final execution of the contract/purchase order or at the time the solicitation is cancelled. Violators of this prohibition will be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Ordinances Section 2-26-31 and 2-26-32. Sanctions may include (a) written warning; (b) termination of contracts; and (c) debarment or suspension.

A.10 EXAMINATION OF OFFERS

The examination and evaluation of the Offers submitted in response to this solicitation generally requires a period of not less than ninety (90) calendar days. Therefore, Offers submitted in response to this RFO must be valid for ninety (90) calendar days after the Due Date.

A.11 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

Once an Offer is opened, the County will not accept any request by Offeror to correct errors or omissions in the Offer other than as identified in paragraph A.07.

A.12 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS

The County will conduct a due diligence review of all Offers received to determine if the Offeror is responsible and responsive.

To be responsive an Offeror must submit an Offer that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of this RFO and contains all the information, fully completed attachments and forms, and other documentation required. Offers that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered or evaluated.

To be responsible, an Offeror must meet the minimum qualification requirements and have the capability to perform the Scope of Services contained in this RFO. Offers submitted by Offerors that are deemed non-responsible will not be considered or evaluated.

A.13 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Offers, to waive irregularities and technicalities, to request additional information and documentation, and to cancel this solicitation at any time prior to execution of the contract. In the event only one Offer is received, the County reserves the right to negotiate with the Offeror. The County reserves the right to award the contract to a responsive and responsible Offeror which in its sole determination is the best value and in the best interests of the County.

The County reserves the right to conduct an investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Offeror to perform the work or service requested. Upon request by the County, Offeror shall provide all such information to the County. Additional information may include, but will not be limited to, current financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and certified by an independent CPA or official of Offeror; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

A.14 APPLICABLE LAWS

Offeror must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Manatee County will apply to any resulting contract. This solicitation process will be conducted in accordance with Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-26.

A.15 TAXES

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; Florida Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6). Therefore, the Offeror is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in its Offer for any sales or service taxes.

The Offeror who is awarded the Agreement (Successful Offeror) will be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind, including but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and

other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and/or materials furnished under the award in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

A.16 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 287.135, as of July 1, 2012, a company that, at the time of submitting a response for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida Statute Section 215.473, is ineligible for, and may not submit a response for or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

A.17 COLLUSION

Offeror certifies that its Offer is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting an Offer for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Any such violation may result in contract cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation of services and the possible removal of Offeror from participation in future County solicitations for a specified period.

The County reserves the right to disqualify an Offeror during any phase of the solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud on the part of the Offeror.

A.18 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this Offer, if any Offeror violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Procurement Code and/or Florida criminal or civil laws related to public procurement, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 112, Part II, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Offeror will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this RFO, and may also be disqualified from submitting any future bids or Offers to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

A.19 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit an Offer on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit an Offer on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Offers on leases or real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

In addition, Manatee County Code of Laws Chapter 2-26 Article V prohibits the award of County contracts to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 5 years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of any environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the Procurement Official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a reasonable manner.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, Manatee County Code of Laws requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with Manatee County to execute and file with the Procurement Official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity, and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with Manatee County. Offeror must complete Attachment C and submit with its Offer.

A.20 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Manatee County does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of County's functions including one's access to participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for an information conference or Offer opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

A.21 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 15, Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Civil Rights Act of 1992, Manatee County hereby notifies all Offerors that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this Request For Offer and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status in consideration of award.

A.22 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity provides the certification process and maintains the database of certified MBE/DBE firms. Additional information may be obtained at <http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm> or by calling (850) 487-0915.

A.23 DISCLOSURE

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this Request for Offer become "Public Records" and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Florida Statute, Chapter 119. Offers become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the opening or if a notice of intent to award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statutes § 119.071(1)(b).

If County rejects all Offers and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, the rejected Offers are exempt from public disclosure until such time the County provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued solicitation or until County withdraws the reissued solicitation. An Offer is not exempt for longer than twelve (12) months after the initial notice of rejection of all Offers.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 119, to the extent Successful Offeror is performing services on behalf of County, Successful Offeror must:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by public agency to perform the service.
- B. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- D. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of contractor or keep and maintain public records.

IF THE SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO ANY RESULTING CONTRACT, CONTACT COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (941) 742-5845, DEBBIE.SCACCIANOCE@MYMANATEE.ORG, ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER, 1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FL 34205.

A.24 TRADE SECRETS

Manatee County is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, all documents, materials, and data submitted as part of an Offer in response to a Request for Offer are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes.

Except for materials that are 'trade secrets' as defined by Chapter 812, Florida Statutes, ownership of all documents, materials and data submitted as part of an Offer in response to the Request for Offer shall belong exclusively to County.

To the extent that Offeror desires to maintain the confidentiality of materials that constitute trade secrets pursuant to Florida law, trade secret material submitted must be segregated from the portions of the Offer that are not declared as trade secret. In addition, Offeror shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Offeror shall offer a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret. Additionally, Offeror shall provide a hard copy of its Offer that redacts all information designated as trade secret.

In conjunction with trade secret designation, Offeror acknowledges and agrees that:

- A. Trade secret requests made after the opening will not be considered. However, County reserves the right to clarify the Offerors request for trade secret at any time; and
- B. County and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives are hereby granted full rights to access, view, consider, and discuss the information designated as trade secret throughout the evaluation process and until final execution of any awarded purchase order or contract; and
- C. That after notice from County that a public records request has been made pursuant to Offeror's Offer, the Offeror at its sole expense, shall be responsible for defending its determination that submitted material is a trade secret and is not subject to disclosure. Action by Offeror in response to notice from the County shall be taken immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or Offeror will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this solicitation, designation of the entire Offer as 'trade secret', 'proprietary', or 'confidential' is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Offer is non-responsive.

Offeror will indemnify and hold County, and its officials, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney's fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Offeror, including actions or claims arising from County's non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.

A.25 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS

- A. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 119.071(3), the following records (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Confidential Security Records") are confidential and exempt from the disclosure requirements of Florida Statutes § 119.07(1):
 - 1. A Security System Plan or portion thereof for any property owned by or leased to County or any privately owned or leased property held by County.
 - 2. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by County.
 - 3. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout or structural elements of an attractions and recreation facility, entertainment or resort complex, industrial complex, retail and service development, office development, or hotel or motel development in the possession of, submitted to County.
- B. Successful Offeror agrees that, as provided by Florida Statute, it shall not, as a result of a public records request, or for other reason disclose the contents of, or release or provide copies of the Confidential Security Records to any other party absent the

express written authorization of County's Property Management Director or to comply with a court order requiring such release or disclosure. To the extent Successful Offeror receives a request for such records, it shall immediately contact the County's designated Contract administrator who shall coordinate County's response to the request.

A.26 E-VERIFY

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the Successful Offeror shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of (a) all persons employed during the contract term by the Successful Offeror to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Successful Offeror to perform work pursuant to the contract with Manatee County. For more information on this process, please refer to United States Citizenship and Immigration Service site at: <http://www.uscis.gov/>.

Only those individuals determined eligible to work in the United States shall be employed under this contract.

By submission of an Offer in response to this RFO, the Successful Offeror commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

The Successful Offeror shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. For the life of the contract, all employees and new employees brought in after contract award shall be verified under the same requirement stated above.

A.27 LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Successful Offeror shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary license and permit fees, including, but not limited to, all license fees, permit fees, impact fees, or inspection fees, and responsible for the costs of such fees. Successful Offeror is solely responsible for ensuring all work complies with all Federal, State, local, and Manatee County ordinances, orders, codes, laws, rules, regulations, directives, and guidelines.

A.28 BINDING OFFER

Offers will remain valid for a period of 120 days following the Due Date and will be considered a binding offer to perform the required services and/or provide the required goods. The submission of an Offer will be taken as prima facie evidence that the Offeror has familiarized itself with the contents of this RFO.

A.29 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

The following schedule has been established for this Solicitation process.

<u>Scheduled Item</u>	<u>Scheduled Date</u>
Question and Clarification Deadline	November 17, 2021
Final Addendum Posted	November 24, 2021
Offer Response Due Date and Time	December 1, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

END SECTION A

SECTION B, EVALUATION OF OFFERS

B.01 EVALUATION

Evaluation of Offers will consider all information submitted by each responsible and responsive Offeror, any clarification information provided by an Offeror, feedback received from Offeror’s references, and any other relevant information received regarding Offeror, to ascertain the ability of the Offeror to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFO. Each Offeror must ensure that its Offer contains all the information requested in this RFO and reflects Offeror’s best offer.

As part of the evaluation process the County may request additional information or clarification from Offerors for the purpose of further evaluation of (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the Offeror, and (c) understanding of the offer submitted. Additional information and/or clarification must be submitted by Offeror within the requested time-period.

Additionally, interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations may be conducted with Offerors as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, only those Offerors that are deemed by the County as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award will be invited to meet with the County. The interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations are closed to the public.

B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria have been established for this RFO.

Criteria	Maximum Weight (%)
Offeror & Team's Experience	30
Capacity	30
Approach	30
Fees Proposal	10

END SECTION B

SECTION C, NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT

C.01 GENERAL

- A. The Offer will serve as a basis for any negotiations.
- B. Upon submission, all Offers become the property of Manatee County which has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any Offer submitted in response to this Request for Offer whether, or not, the Offer is accepted.
- C. All products and papers produced by Offeror and submitted to the County during the solicitation process become the property of Manatee County.

C.02 NEGOTIATION

A recommendation will be made as to the Offeror(s) with whom the County should enter into negotiations, if any. Upon approval of the recommendation, the Successful Offeror will be invited to enter negotiations led by the County Procurement Division. These negotiations are generally relative to the scope of work/services to be provided and any associated costs.

C.03 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

Upon successful completion of negotiations, a recommendation for award to the Successful Offeror(s) will be presented for approval per County ordinances, policies and procedures.

C.04 AGREEMENT

The selected Offeror(s) will be required to enter into an agreement. The agreement may or may not include all elements of this RFO or the successful Offeror's Offer where alternatives provide best value, are desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms.

The term of the Agreement shall be for three (3) years with two (2) one-year renewal periods.

C.05 AWARD

County may not make award to an Offeror who is delinquent in payment of any taxes, fees, fines, contractual debts, judgments, or any other debts due and owed to County, or is in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. By submitting this solicitation response, Offeror attests that it is not delinquent in payment of any such debts due and owed to County, nor is it in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. In the event the Offeror's statement is discovered to be false, Offeror will be subject to suspension and/or debarment and County may terminate any contract it has with Offeror.

Award of an agreement is subject to the successful negotiations and the approval as provided for in the Manatee County Procurement Code.

END SECTION C

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA FORM

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

- Addendum No.: _____ Date Received: _____

Print or type Bidder's information below:

- Name of Bidder: _____
- Telephone Number: _____
- Street Address: _____
- City, State, Zip: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Website Address: _____

- Signature of Authorized Official: _____
- Printed Name, Title, Date: _____

ATTACHMENT B, OFFER SIGNATURE FORM

The undersigned represents that:

- (1) by signing the Offer, that he/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the Offer and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable;
- (2) all facts and responses set forth in the Offer are true and correct;
- (3) if the Offeror is selected by County to negotiate an agreement, that Offeror’s negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in the Scope of Services of this RFO;
- (4) by submitting an Offer and signing below, the Offeror agrees to all terms and conditions in this RFO, which incorporates all addenda, appendices, exhibits, and attachments, in its entirety, and is prepared to sign the Contract as written. The Offeror understands that if it submits exceptions to the Contract in its Offer, the Offeror’s Offer may be determined non-responsive; and
- (5) the Offeror, which includes all companies included in a partnership or joint venture, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

Print or type Offeror’s information below:

Signature of Authorized Official / Date: _____

Printed Name of Authorized Signer: _____

Title of Authorized Signer: _____

Name of Offeror: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Website URL: _____

**ATTACHMENT C, PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES
CERTIFICATION**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY
PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.**

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by

[Print individual's name and title]

for _____ [Print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is _____

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____. If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____

I understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a County agreement for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or a County lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of County monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to County that it has not:

- (1) been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of Manatee County, the State of Florida, or any other public entity, including, but not limited to the Government of the United States, any state, or any local government authority in the United States, in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or
- (2) been convicted of an agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise; or
- (3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, in the sole opinion of County's Purchasing Official, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a responsible manner; or
- (4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above, which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or
- (5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of or has admitted guilt to any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such an entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors. For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if

an individual or group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to County's Purchasing Official. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR MANATEE COUNTY IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.

[Supplier Signature]

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20____ by _____
_____ who is personally known ____ OR Produced _____
_____ [Type of identification]

Notary Public Signature

My commission expires _____

[Print, type or stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public]

Signatory Requirement - In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, this affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). In the case of a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by the corporate president.

ATTACHMENT D, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The SUPPLIER will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” herein have been obtained. The SUPPLIER shall obtain and submit to the Procurement Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at its expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy): Work under this Agreement cannot commence until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained on a standard ACORD form (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

REQUIRED INSURANCES

Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form including coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit; OR
- \$ 500,000 Bodily Injury and \$500,000 Property Damage
- \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)
- \$500,000 Hired, Non-Owned Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Payments

This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.

Commercial General Liability Insurance Required Limits (per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Single Limit Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$1,000,000, Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.

Employer's Liability Insurance

Coverage limits of not less than:

- \$100,000 Each Accident
- \$500,000 Disease Each Employee
- \$500,000 Disease Policy Limit

Worker’s Compensation Insurance

US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act

Jones Act Coverage

Coverage limits of not less than:

- Statutory workers’ compensation coverage shall apply for all employees in compliance with the laws and statutes of the State of Florida and the federal government
- If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act

Should ‘leased employees’ be retained for any part of the project or service, the employee leasing agency shall provide evidence of Workers’ Compensation coverage and Employer’s Liability coverage for all personnel on the worksite and in compliance with the above Workers’ Compensation requirements. NOTE: Workers’ Compensation coverage is a firm requirement. Elective exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are approved in a very limited number of instances.

OTHER INSURANCES

Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury with no less than \$100,000 per passenger each occurrence or a ‘smooth’ limit
- \$ General Aggregate

Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury; Coverage shall specifically include operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including liability and property damage
- \$ General Aggregate

Installation Floater Insurance

When the contract or agreement **does not** include construction of, or additions to, above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, Installation Floater Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)

Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Insurances

Coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- \$ 1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence
- \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate

Builder’s Risk Insurance

When the contract or agreement includes the construction of roadways and/or the addition of a permanent structure or building, including the installation of machinery and/or equipment, Builder’s Risk Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed
- The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000

Coverage shall be for all risks and include, but not be limited to, storage and transport of materials, equipment, supplies of any kind whatsoever to be used on or incidental to the project, theft coverage, and Waiver of Occupancy Clause Endorsement, where applicable.

Cyber Liability Insurance

Coverage shall comply with Florida Statute 501.171, shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Security Breach Liability
- \$ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence
- \$ Security Breach Expense Aggregate
- \$ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data
- \$ Extortion Threats
- \$ Business Income and Extra Expense
- \$ Public Relations Expense

NOTE: Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$25,000.

Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)

Hazardous materials include all materials and substances that are currently designated or defined as hazardous by the law or rules of regulation by the State of Florida or federal government. All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then

coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

Pollution Liability

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

Disposal

When applicable, SUPPLIER shall designate the disposal site and furnish a Certificate of Insurance from the disposal facility for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance covering liability.

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate
- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate

Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance

SUPPLIER shall designate the hauler and have the hauler furnish a Certificate of Insurance for Automobile Liability insurance with Endorsement MCS-90 for liability arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials. EPA identification number shall be provided.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form and the policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, per accident

Liquor Liability Insurance

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate

Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance

Coverage shall be required if the maintenance, servicing, cleaning or repairing of any County motor vehicles is inherent or implied within the provision of the contract.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage

Bailee’s Customer Liability Insurance

Coverage shall be required for damage and/or destruction when County property is temporarily under the care or custody of a person or organization, including property that is on, or in transit to and from the person or organization’s premises. Perils covered should include fire, lightning, theft, burglary, robbery, explosion, collision, flood, earthquake and damage or destruction during transportation by a carrier.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the County asset(s) in the SUPPLIER’S care, custody and control

Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence
- \$ General Aggregate
- \$ Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$ Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

THE POLICIES ARE TO CONTAIN, OR BE ENDORSED TO CONTAIN, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. **“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” is to be named as an Additional Insured in respect to:** Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the SUPPLIER, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the SUPPLIER; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the SUPPLIER. The coverage shall contain no special limitation(s) on the scope of protection afforded to the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers.

In addition to furnishing a Certificate of Insurance, the SUPPLIER shall provide the endorsement that evidences Manatee COUNTY being listed as an Additional Insured. This

can be done in one of two ways: (1) an endorsement can be issued that specifically lists “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” as Additional Insured; or, (2) an endorsement can be issued that states that all Certificate Holders are Additional Insured with respect to the policy.

- b. The SUPPLIER'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of SUPPLIER's insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- c. The insurance policies must be on an occurrence form.

Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the SUPPLIER for the COUNTY.

General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies

- a. Prior to the execution of contract, or issuance of a Purchase Order, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this contract remains in effect, SUPPLIER shall furnish the COUNTY with a Certificate(s) of Insurance (using an industry accepted certificate form, signed by the Issuer, with applicable endorsements, and containing the solicitation or contract number, and title or description) evidencing the coverage set forth above and naming “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured on the applicable coverage(s) set forth above.
- b. If the policy contains an aggregate limit, confirmation is needed in writing (letter, email, etc.) that the aggregate limit has not been eroded to procurement representative when supplying Certificate of Insurance. In addition, when requested in writing from the COUNTY, SUPPLIER will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida
Attn: Risk Management Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 969
Bradenton, FL 34205

- c. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
- d. SUPPLIER shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies to procurement representative including solicitation number and title with all notices.

- e. SUPPLIER agrees that should at any time SUPPLIER fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
- f. The SUPPLIER waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
- g. The SUPPLIER has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
- h. It is the SUPPLIER'S responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. SUPPLIER shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or SUPPLIER shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
- i. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review the SUPPLIER's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
- j. SUPPLIER understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of SUPPLIER'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
- k. SUPPLIER understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.
- l. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

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ATTACHMENT D, SUPPLIER’S INSURANCE STATEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED has read and understands the aforementioned insurance and requirements of the Agreement and shall provide the insurance required by this section within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

Date: _____

Consultant Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____

Agent Phone: _____

ATTACHMENT E, FEES FORM

Note: Separate Excel Document

EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department requires native plants; native plant materials; and loading, delivery, and unloading services for future landscaping and habitat restoration projects located throughout the County on a monthly or as-needed basis.

The intent of this RFO is for the County to establish an Agreement with a qualified Supplier for the provision of native plants; native plant materials; and loading, delivery, and unloading services. The Agreement resulting from the County's acceptance of an Offer will be made by issuing a zero-dollar Blanket Purchase Order to the Supplier. The County will place orders with the Supplier, on a monthly or as-needed basis, via Release Orders issued against the Blanket Purchase Order. The County reserves the right to award multiple Offerors.

1.02 SCOPE

The Successful Offeror ("Supplier") shall furnish all equipment, labor, materials, supplies, licensing, transportation, supervision, and other components necessary to provide native plants; native plant materials; and loading, delivery, and unloading services that will meet the requirements of the Agreement.

1.03 SUPPLIER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Supplier's shall:

- A. Supply native plants; native plant materials; and loading, delivery, and unloading services on a monthly or as-needed basis as requested by the County.
- B. Ensure that all native plants and plant materials are in accordance with Exhibit 3, Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants 2015.
- C. Ensure that all containerized plants meet standards for Florida No. 1 or better, unless the County requests other.
- D. Ensure that all bare-root plants and mangroves meet the specifications in the Wetland Plants Section of Exhibit 3, Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants 2015.
- E. Provide wetland plants free of other plants considered as a nuisance or exotic species.
- F. Provide non-containerized wetland plants; this includes plugs or bare-root specimens, either nursery-grown or wild-harvested that display a healthy, well-distributed root structure which extensively penetrates the soil such that at least 75% of the soil mass remains intact.
- G. Ensure that non-containerized wetland plants display sufficient top growth to ensure viability at the specified water depth or location. Seasonal dieback of foliage is expected and acceptable in collected specimens.

- H. Ensure that containerized wetland plants display a healthy and well-distributed root structure that extensively penetrates the soil such that at least 90% of the soil mass remains intact.
- I. Provide containerized wetland plants that display vigorous top growth with a base diameter of at least 50% of the diameter of the container.
- J. Ensure that wetland plants in containers four (4) inches diameter or less are grown in those containers for a minimum of thirty (30) days.
- K. Ensure that wetland plants in containers greater than four (4) inches diameter are grown in those containers for a minimum of forty-five (45) days.
- L. Do not provide wetland plants if the conditions are the following:
 - 1. More than 25% of the total foliage is damaged by insects or mechanical injury.
 - 2. Too few main lateral or feeder roots.
 - 3. Roots damaged by digging cuts or exposure to light, air, or temperature.
 - 4. Rootbound conditions.
- M. Ensure that native plants are not in a dying condition, seriously broken, frozen, or damaged upon pickup or delivery.
- N. Provide native plants that originate from a registered nursery under inspection of the Division of Plant Industry or certified and have met the requirements of Chapter 581, Florida Statutes, and Title 5B Florida Administrative Code.
- O. Ensure that the verification of specified grades is determined at the time of initial inspection. The grades shall not be based on any future or predicted growth potential of the native plant, only the condition of the plant at the time of grading.
- P. Provide plainly and legibly labeled native plants with their respective Latin, scientific, horticultural, or accepted common names, including variety and rootstock when applicable, and the grade.
- Q. Ensure that only one name and grade label is on a group of plants of the same variety, rootstock, and grade, provided that the label is also marked to indicate the number of plants in the group for which the label is intended.
- R. Ensure that all native plants not listed in Exhibit 3, Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants 2015, follow the standards of Florida No. 1 and ensure that the health, vitality, condition, foliage, and root system are free from pest, mechanical damage, heavily branched and densely foliated according to the accepted normal shape of the species.

- S. Maintain compliance with plant size specifications in Attachment E, Fees Form. Do not undersize or substitute one species or cultivar for another.
- T. Maintain a valid registration with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- U. Provide loading, delivery, and unloading services on an as-needed basis and only when requested by the County. The pricing for the services will be negotiated on a per purchase basis and based on the following variables:
 - 1. Size of order: from a single pick-up truckload to multiple semi-truckloads.
 - 2. Geographic location of the delivery: may occur anywhere within Manatee County.
 - 3. Exact placement of the delivery: may require delivery to areas not readily accessible by two-wheel drive trucks (i.e., down fire lines at Duette Preserve).
 - 4. Timing of delivery: may require specific delivery dates and times; including late afternoons and weekend mornings for volunteer planting events.
- V. Provide an itemized quote to the County for each order placed by the County as follows:
 - 1. Each quote shall be provided to the County and approved by the County before order fulfillment.
 - 2. Each quote shall include a list of plants being ordered and if applicable any supplementary fees related to loading, delivery, and unloading services.
 - 3. Each quote shall include the number, name, and grade of plants being ordered.
- W. Provide an itemized invoice to the County as follows:
 - 1. Each invoice shall be provided to the County and approved by the County after order fulfillment.
 - 2. Each invoice shall include a list of plants ordered and if applicable any supplementary fees related to loading, delivery, and unloading services.
 - 3. Each invoice shall include the number, name, and grade of plants ordered.
 - 4. Supplier shall provide a copy of each invoice to the County at the time of pickup or delivery.
- X. Grow local ecotype plants from seeds provided by the County as follows:
 - 1. Receive local ecotype native seeds from the County and apply appropriate germination testing protocol to determine germination rates and overall suitability of collected seed materials for nursery production of plant material in accordance with the specifications provided herein.
 - 2. If the seed material is deemed suitable by the Supplier, the Supplier shall provide a quote for finished plant material to be delivered at an agreed upon time and size.

1.04 COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The County shall:

- A. Negotiate pricing with the Supplier for loading, delivery, and unloading services for each order that requires the services.
- B. Verify with the Supplier the availability of species, sizes, quality grades, and quantities; loading, delivery, and unloading services, if applicable; and dates of availability before issuing a Release Order to the Supplier.
- C. Request replacement of plants/plant materials or other corrective actions, within 30 days of plant pick-up or delivery, if the County has cause to believe that any plants/plant materials acquired are not of the specified grade as ordered.
- D. Not be obligated to purchase plants, plant materials, or services from the Supplier if more economical pricing is available through an alternate supplier.

1.05 LINE ITEMS

The County reserves the right to add, delete, and revise Line Items in Attachment E, Fees Form, as required to carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement.

1.06 ADDITIONAL GOODS AND SERVICES AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY

At the request of the County, additional goods and services shall be negotiated on a fixed fee per deliverable basis and shall be approved through a valid Release Order number provided by an authorized County Representative.

1.07 MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GOODS OR SERVICES

The County does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of goods or services to be ordered from the Supplier during the term of the Agreement. Goods and services shall be ordered at the sole discretion of the County.

END OF EXHIBIT 1

EXHIBIT 2, OFFER RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Offer and the order in which such information must be organized. The information each Offeror provides will be used to determine those Offerors with the background, experience, and capacity to provide the goods the services as described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services; and which Offer best meets the overall needs of the County. For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Offers.

2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED

The contents of each Offer shall be organized and arranged with Tab Sections in the same order as listed below and with the same Tab Numbers. The Offer should contain sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation. However, overly elaborate responses are not requested or desired. **The Offer, in its entirety, shall not contain more than fifty (50) single-sided pages.**

2.02 OFFER FORMAT FORMAT

The Offeror shall submit one (1) original Offer in electronic format, identifying Offeror, and containing all required information. The electronic Offer shall be in one (1) continuous file that includes all of the required Tab Sections listed below. Do not submit the Offer in separate files for each Tab Section. Do not password protect or otherwise encrypt the electronic Offer.

The electronic Offer shall be submitted via email with the following information in the email 'Subject Line': RFO No. 21-R077623TB, Native Plants, and Offeror's name. The electronic Offer shall be delivered to the Designated Procurement Contact via email to tianna.boswell@mymanatee.org prior to the Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO.

For more information regarding the submission of Offers, refer to the RFO; Section A.02, Submission of Offers.

TAB 1 – INTRODUCTION

In Tab 1, Offeror shall provide the following:

1. A cover page that identifies the Offeror, the RFO by title, and the RFO number.
2. An introductory letter/statement that describes your Offer in summary form (limit 2 pages).
3. A table of contents.

TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In Tab 2, Offeror shall provide the information and documentation requested that confirms Offeror meets the following minimum qualification requirements:

1. Offeror must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations to do business in Florida.

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

2. Offeror must possess a valid registration with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Offeror shall provide a copy of its Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services registration.

3. Offeror has provided native plants and loading, delivery, and unloading services similar to the goods and services described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services, for at least three (3) commercial client references who are agreeable to responding to an inquiry by the County. Offeror must have provided the goods and services within the last five (5) years of the Due Date for submission of Offers in response to this RFO.

Offeror shall provide the following information for the three (3) commercial client references:

- a. Client name;
 - b. Client address;
 - c. Client contact name;
 - d. Client contact phone number;
 - e. Client contact email address;
 - f. Brief description of all goods and services provided (1-2 sentences); and
 - g. Performance period (start/end dates).
4. Offeror is not on the Florida Department of Management Services Suspended, Debarred, and Convicted Vendor Lists.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

5. Offeror has not been convicted of a public entity crime per Section 287.133, Florida Statutes or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

Offeror shall complete Attachment C and submit with its Offer attesting that it has not been convicted of a public entity crime or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

6. If Offeror is submitting as a joint venture, Offeror must file the required documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO.

If Offeror is a joint venture, Offeror shall provide a copy of its approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. If Offeror is not a joint venture, Offeror shall provide a statement to that effect.

7. Offeror has no reported conflicts of interest in relation to this RFO.

If conflicts of interest are present, Offeror shall disclose the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the County and disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the Offeror's firm or any of its branches. If no conflicts of interests are present, Offeror must submit a statement to that effect.

TAB 3 – FORMS

In Tab 3, Offeror shall provide the following completed and executed Attachments that are included in this RFO:

1. Attachment A, Acknowledgement of Addenda Form
2. Attachment B, Offer Signature Form
3. Attachment C, Public Contracting and Environmental Crime Certification
4. Attachment D, Insurance Requirements and Supplier's Insurance Statement
5. Attachment E, Fees Form

TAB 4 - TRADE SECRETS

Pursuant to Section A.24, Trade Secrets, in Tab 4, Offeror shall identify any trade secret being claimed. **NOTE: Designation of the entire Offer as 'Trade 'Secret', 'Proprietary' or 'Confidential' is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Offer is non-responsive and therefore will not be evaluated or considered.** Offeror must submit purported trade secret information as follows:

1. Trade secret material must be segregated in a separate document, from the portions of the Offer that are not being declared as trade secret. **NOTE: Trade secret requests made after the Due Date and Time are not allowed.**
2. Offeror shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Offeror shall provide a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret.

3. Offeror shall provide an additional electronic copy of its Offer that redacts all designated trade secrets.

TAB 5 – OFFEROR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

In Tab 5, Offeror shall provide information and documentation on Offeror as follows:

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Offeror's company (e.g. Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation).
4. Federal Identification Number.
5. A fully completed, signed and dated, copy of Offeror's W-9.
6. Contact information for Offeror's corporate headquarters and local office (if different) Note: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota counties. Include the following:
 - a. Address;
 - b. City, State, Zip;
 - c. Phone; and
 - d. Number of years at this location.
7. List of officers, owners, partners, or managers of the firm. Include names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.
8. Contact information for Offeror's primary and secondary representatives during this RFO process to include the following information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Phone;
 - c. E-mail;
 - d. Mailing Address; and
 - e. City, State, Zip.
9. Provide a brief summary regarding any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency, or which may affect the provision of the goods and services to be rendered herein, in which the Offeror, any of its partners, employees, or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three (3) years.
10. Provide details of any ownership changes to Offeror's organization in the past three (3) years or changes anticipated within six (6) months of the Due Date and Time

(e.g. mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).

TAB 6 – OFFEROR AND TEAM’S EXPERIENCE (30 Points)

In Tab 6, Offeror shall provide details of Offeror and its team’s experience to include the following:

1. Provide a summary of Offeror’s background, size, and years in business.
2. Provide Offeror’s years of experience in providing native plants and loading, delivery, and unloading services similar to the goods and services described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services, particularly for other government agencies in Florida.
3. Identify and include information regarding experience and qualifications of Offeror’s key staff (e.g. project lead, managers, supervisors) to be assigned to the goods and services.
4. Identify any proposed subcontractors to provide the goods and services. Include the name of the individuals to be assigned, and an overview of their experience and qualifications related to providing native plants and loading, delivery, and unloading services similar to the goods and services described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.
5. Describe any significant or unique accomplishments or recognition received by Offeror or its subcontractors in previous similar services.
6. Provide a minimum of five (5) client references for which Offeror has provided goods and services, similar in scope as defined in this RFO, who are agreeable to responding to an inquiry by the County. References should include the following information:
 - a. Client name;
 - b. Client address;
 - c. Client contact name;
 - d. Client contact phone number;
 - e. Client contact email address;
 - f. Brief description of all goods and services provided (1-2 sentences); and
 - g. Performance period (start/end dates).

TAB 7 - CAPACITY (30 Points)

In Tab 7, Offeror shall provide the following information regarding Offeror’s capacity for the provision of the goods and services:

1. Specify the locations, including the complete physical address, where the work for these goods and services will be performed, including work performed by subcontractors, if applicable.

2. Details of Offeror's staffing resources, at the location that will provide services to the County as well as corporately; by discipline and the number of personnel within each discipline.
3. If Offeror's staffing resources includes subcontractors, submit the name of the firms who will perform each discipline. Detail how subcontractors will be used and to what extent.
4. If a joint venture is proposed, provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of the joint venture and provide proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities, and levels of participation in providing the goods and services.
5. Disclose any ownership interest in other entities proposed for the goods and services. This ownership disclosure includes ownership by the Offeror through a parent, subsidiary or holding company or any other form of business entity. Submit entity names and the percent of ownership for each.
6. Detail Offeror's and any subcontractor's current workloads and any projected changes to the workload within the next six (6) months.

TAB 8 – APPROACH (30 Points)

In Tab 8, Offeror shall provide its approach to include the following:

1. A narrative of Offeror's approach for the provision of the goods and services described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.
2. A narrative that clearly demonstrate Offeror's ability and willingness to meet the requirements of the goods and services described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.
3. A narrative of the proposed approach and methodology for engaging with County representatives in-the-course of providing the goods and services.
4. Offeror shall thoroughly explain:
 - a. Its accessibility in the areas of availability for meetings, general communications, coordination, and supervision;
 - b. How the Offeror physically plans on attending prescheduled meetings; and
 - c. How the Offeror plans on ensuring accessibility and availability during the term of the Agreement.
5. Offeror's Risk Management Plan that includes a list of risks related to the provision of the services, the potential consequences or impact of each (e.g. cost, schedule, technical) and Offeror's proposed mitigation procedures for each item.

6. A list, with written specifications, of all products and equipment proposed to be used under the Agreement for the provision of the goods and services.

TAB 9 - FEES PROPOSAL (10 Points)

Offeror shall complete Attachment E, Fees Form, and submit with its Offer as a separate Excel electronic document and as instructed in Tab 3.

END OF EXHIBIT 2

EXHIBIT 3, FLORIDA GRADES AND STANDARDS FOR NURSERY PLANTS 2015

Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants 2015



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FLORIDA GRADES AND STANDARDS FOR PLANTS

INTRODUCTION

Florida’s unique and diverse climate provides environmental conditions favorable for the growth of about 25,000 plant species (T.J. Sheehan, Professor Emeritus, University of Florida). This vast number of plants, coupled with the many different sizes and shapes of plants that enter the market, clearly indicates the need for precise communication between buyer and seller. This is further necessitated as buyer and seller specify and negotiate plant quality. For example, the designation ‘three gallon’ can be interpreted in various ways, but in order to communicate effectively, additional specifications are needed. The Florida Grades and Standards for Plants, passed by the Florida Legislature in 1955 and codified with Section 581.031 (2)(3), Florida Statutes, establishes a vehicle for buyer and seller communication.

Consumer knowledge, preferences and awareness are demonstrated in their purchases of plants. Therefore, the nursery industry must precisely communicate the attributes of its valued product. To this end, as much detail as possible and other attributes which facilitate communication are used in these revised standards and categories of plants.

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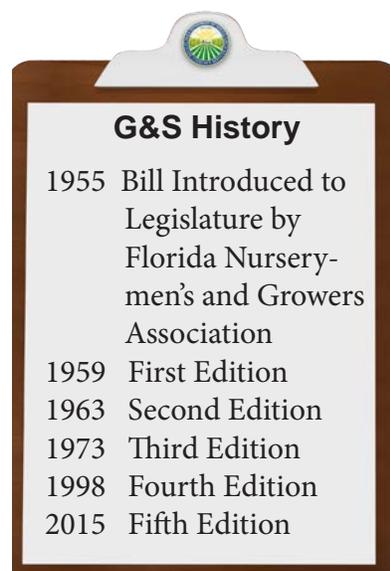
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PLANT NAMES

The accepted scientific name, according to the international code insofar as possible, and the preferred common name(s) for plants are used in this publication. The scientific name is needed to positively identify a plant. In addition, other scientific names (synonyms, horticultural names, invalid scientific names) and other common names are included.

Since many scientific names for plants are in dispute by plant taxonomists, the names listed in “The New Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening” are used as authoritative. For changes made subsequent to the dates of these publications, individual specialists and taxonomists were consulted. We are grateful for the assistance of Dr. Patti Anderson, Botanist, Division of Plant Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services who used the 3rd Edition of the Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida, authored by R.P. Wunderlin and B. F. Hansen for taxonomic referencing.

The accepted scientific names and preferred common names listed will be used in compliance with the labeling requirement, Item 3, under General Requirements, until changed by competent authority. The ‘other scientific names’ and ‘other common names’ are included to assist the users of this publication in the standardization of plant names.

CONTRACT GUIDELINES

Verification of specified grades are to be determined at the time of delivery. Grades determined at the time of initial inspection or during the course of conducting a regrading inspection shall be based on the growth characteristics and condition of the plant at the time of grading. The grade shall not be based on any future or predicted growth potential of the plant.

Within 30 days following plant delivery, if any of the parties identified in the contract have cause to believe that any trees, shrubs, groundcover or other horticultural materials are not of the specified grade, they may at their discretion request a regrading inspection by the Division of Plant Industry, and upon the findings provided, thereby seek further remedy by requesting replacements of plant materials or other corrective actions, including but not limited to legal redress.

PLANTS NOT LISTED IN INDEX

Landscape architects and contractors have requested that quality of plants for which grades have not been established be consistent with those plants for which grade standards have been established.

The following paragraph is only a recommendation to be included in contracts, provided the landscape architect or landscape contractor wishes to ensure that the quality of plants whose grade has not been established will be Florida No.1 according to several grading factors. The following is not a part of the grading law, but it is binding under the contract and gives a basis for inspection and legal testimony if necessary.

ALL PLANTS NOT LISTED IN GRADES AND STANDARDS FOR NURSERY PLANTS, PUBLISHED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, SHALL CONFORM TO A FLORIDA NO.1 AS TO: (1) HEALTH AND VITALITY, (2) CONDITION OF FOLIAGE, (3) ROOT SYSTEM, (4) FREEDOM FROM PEST OR MECHANICAL DAMAGE, AND, (5) HEAVILY BRANCHED AND DENSELY FOLIATED ACCORDING TO THE ACCEPTED NORMAL SHAPE OF THE SPECIES.

The tree section is meant to be used for ANY tree sold in Florida. To establish the grade for trees not listed, first determine the natural crown form, or growth habit of the tree, then identify which one of the three matrix types matches this form, and proceed through the grading process.

NONCOMPLIANCE CASES OR VIOLATIONS

Any dispute over the grade of a plant(s) should be called to the attention of the Division of Plant Industry within 30 days following delivery to the landscape project, if the Division is expected to assist in settling the case. This is necessary to protect both the buyer and the seller. The grade of a plant can decline very rapidly if that plant is improperly handled or neglected, thus making regrading difficult.

Anyone considering a complaint should, for their own protection, see that the plant(s) in question receives the best of care and is kept segregated from other plants so that definite identity is maintained. Cases of dispute may be settled by:

1. Agreement of the buyer and the seller;
2. Having the plants in question regraded by an authorized representative of the Division of Plant Industry. The report of regrading inspection can then be used for (1) above or (3) below, or as evidence for legal action;
3. Action taken by the Division of Plant Industry relative to plant disease and insect problems.

REGISTERING COMPLAINTS

All complaints or requests for regrading inspection should be made in writing and directed to the attention of the Chief Plant Inspector, Division of Plant Industry, P.O. Box 147100, Gainesville, Florida 32614-7100. The Chief Plant Inspector will direct the appropriate Division of Plant Industry representative to conduct the initial investigation of such complaints.

UNDERSIZING AND SUBSTITUTION OF SPECIES

Noncompliance with plant size specifications should not be confused with plant grading regulations. If a landscape design, contract, bid or plant list specifies a Florida No. 1 grade for all plants, the contract or design usually specifies a certain size for each plant.

Plants may be undersized and make a specific grade, and not be the size specified in the contract.

**Undersizing is a breach of contract or bid but not a violation of Grades and Standards.
A substitution of one species or cultivar for another is also a contract violation,
but has no bearing on plant grading.**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Any landscape contract that specifies a grade shall be governed by the following requirements.

1. Be eligible for certification by the Division of Plant Industry; that is, meet tolerances for plant pests and all pertinent Division rules and regulations.
2. Originate from a registered nursery under inspection with the Division of Plant Industry, or certified and have met the requirements of Chapter 581, Florida Statutes, and Title 5B, Florida Administrative Code.
3. Meet the grade standards set forth hereafter.
4. Be correctly labeled as to name, grade and date of delivery. Plants shall be plainly and legibly labeled by the nurseryman to show the scientific or accepted common name, including variety and rootstock when applicable, and the grade. Only one name and grade label is needed on a group of plants of the same variety, rootstock and grade when addressed to one consignee, provided that the label is also marked to indicate the number of plants in the group for which the label is intended. Any invoice may be used in lieu of labels to indicate the number, name and grade of plants, provided such invoice accompanies the plants and a copy of the invoice is given to the consignee at the time of delivery.
5. Be living stock and not be in a dying condition or seriously broken, frozen or damaged.

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GRADING TREES

INTRODUCTION

Since most trees have a life expectancy of many years, it is important to plant quality trees. The quality or grade of a tree at planting can have a large impact on longevity in the landscape. Tree quality is based on trunk, branch, crown, leaf and root characteristics.

Large-maturing trees which are allowed to develop a double or multiple trunk should not be planted. These may be sturdy when they are small, but become increasingly prone to failure as they grow larger.

Trees graded **Florida Fancy** should have one dominant trunk up through the crown to the top of the tree. The exception would be for small-maturing trees (standard or multi-trunked) such as crape-myrtle, Japanese ligustrum and others. Branch diameter should not be larger than $\frac{2}{3}$ the diameter of the trunk measured directly above the branch union. There should be no flush cuts anywhere on the tree, and no open wounds on the trunk or major branches. The crown should be full of foliage and show little, if any, evidence of chlorosis, necrosis, disease or insect infestation. The root ball should be appropriately sized (see any matrix, e.g., p. 13) and be free of severe defects.

Trees graded **Florida No. 1** may require some corrective pruning (Appendix A, Part 1, p. 29) so they develop good trunk and branch structure. They may have minor trunk injuries or could have other defects. Defects can be corrected by pruning the tree at planting and/or once or twice within a year or two after planting.

Florida No. 2 is a lesser grade. These trees require major corrective pruning to form a structurally strong tree, or are misshapen. Large pruning dose will be required to develop a structure in these trees which will promote longevity. Defects may take several prunings over time to correct.

Cull is the lowest grade. These trees lack vigor or vitality and/or have poor trunk and branch structure or circling roots. They have other problems such as large open wounds, flush cuts or a loose root ball which may prevent them from becoming established in the landscape. Defects may take several years to correct or may not be correctable.

The better grades of trees will require less pruning after planting, and they are likely to establish more quickly. These have been properly trained and pruned in the nursery to develop a structure which resists damage from winds and other outside forces. Most tree maintenance budgets have not been developed to allow for pruning a tree after planting, so it makes sense to start with a tree which is healthy and well formed. If there is a large tree pruning allocation in the landscape maintenance budget, trees with the lesser grades may be trained into sturdy trees in the landscape by skilled arborists.

Grades established for trees (Florida Fancy, Florida No. 1, and Florida No. 2) do not apply to trees used in wetland mitigation. For trees used in wetland mitigation, refer to the wetland section of this manual.

Grades and Standards do not apply to specialty trees like braided stems, poodles, espalier, topiary and bonsai.

STEPS FOR DETERMINING THE GRADE OF A TREE

Step 1. Choose the appropriate tree matrix type.
(Matrix 1 – p. 13; Matrix 2 – p. 14;
Matrix 3 – p. 15.)

Appropriate matrix type: _____

- a) For multi-trunked small maturing trees such as crape-myrtle and wax privet (Index of Small-Maturing Trees, p. 26), measure the container size or root ball diameter of the tree you are grading and ignore the caliper. For standard small maturing trees, measure the caliper of the tree. For all small maturing trees, skip Step 2.
- b) For all other trees, measure the caliper of the tree.

Caliper: _____

Step 2. Grade the tree according to trunk structure (see Fig. 1, p. 10). Trees with one dominant trunk are graded Florida Fancy. Those with double or multiple trunks are given a lesser grade depending on the size and location of the defect. Circle the appropriate grade below based on trunk structure only. This step is skipped if grading a small-maturing tree (Index of Small-Maturing Trees, p. 26).

Florida Florida Florida Cull
Fancy No. 1 No. 2

Step 3. Grade the tree according to crown uniformity (see Fig. 2, p. 11). Circle the appropriate grade below based on crown uniformity only.

Note: For crown uniformity there is no Florida No. 1 or cull grade.

Florida Florida
Fancy No. 2

Step 4. Record the lowest grade determined in Step 2 or 3.

Grade: _____

Step 5. If one of the following statements is true, reduce the grade determined in Step 4 by one. If two or more are true, reduce the grade by two. Reference tree caliper and appropriate matrix for 5a, 5b, and 5d. For multi-trunked small-maturing trees, use container size or root ball diameter (not caliper) for 5b and skip 5a and 5d.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a) Tree does not meet height requirement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b) Crown does not meet diameter requirement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | c) Root ball is not secure enough to successfully transplant. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | d) Root ball or container is undersized. If two or more sizes, reduce grade by two. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | e) Tree with a trunk caliper larger than two inches requires a stake to hold the trunk erect. For multi-trunked trees, this applies to each trunk individually. |

Grade: _____

Step 6. If two of the following statements are true, reduce the grade determined in Step 5 by one. If three or more of the statements are true, reduce the grade by two. It takes only one true statement to reduce Florida Fancy to Florida No. 1.

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- a) Flush cuts were made when pruning branches from the trunk (Fig. 3, p. 12).
- b) Branch stubs were left beyond the collar (Fig. 3, p. 12). A branch stub can be removed and not reduce the grade.
- c) Open trunk wounds are evident. Wounds are considered open when they are greater than 10% of trunk circumference and/or more than two inches tall. Open or closed proper pruning cuts, surface abrasions or scratches to the bark should not be downgraded. See Glossary: **Trunk wound**.
- d) More than 10% of the crown exhibits necrosis, chlorosis or damage from pests, diseases or tip dieback.
- e) The crown is thin and sparsely foliated. Some species are thin and sparsely foliated in fall through early spring. Recently harvested field grown trees might also be thin and should not be downgraded.
- f) There is included bark between the trunk and a major lateral branch or between main trunks (Appendix B, p. 37).
- g) Trunks and/or major branches are touching.

Step 7. The tree is a Cull if one of the following conditions is true:

- a) The top-most structural root (roots among largest on the tree) emerges from trunk (root collar) more than two inches below the top of the root ball surface. Soil, substrate and/or roots can be removed from the top 1/3 of the root ball to conform to this depth requirement. For example, see Appendix A, Part 2, p. 30-31.
- b) One or more roots greater than 1/10 the trunk caliper, circle more than 1/3 of trunk in the top 1/2 of the root ball. All three conditions (> 1/10 trunk caliper, 1/3 around, top 1/2 of the root ball) must be true to grade as a Cull. One or more circling roots less than 1/3 the trunk diameter can be cut at the point just inside where they begin to circle. For multi-trunked trees, caliper equals the sum of the three largest trunks. Following cutting, the tree is no longer a Cull. For example, see Appendix A, Part 2, p. 30-31).

Note: Grades and Standards do not apply to specialty trees like braided stems, poodles, espalier, topiary and bonsai.

Final Grade: _____

EXAMPLE I

Grade a container-grown live oak (pictured below) with a three-inch caliper trunk measured six inches above the ground. The tree is 14-feet tall with a 66-inch crown diameter. The crown is uniform. The container is 45 gallons. The bark is intact and there are no flush cuts evident. There are several recent pruning cuts (not closed) along the lower trunk.

Step 1. Choose the appropriate tree matrix type. (See Index of Trees on pages 19-26 for guidance).

Appropriate matrix type: Type 1 Matrix, Tall and Wide. (The Index of Trees indicates Type 1 Matrix is appropriate for live oak.)

Measure the caliper of the tree and locate it in the left column of the appropriate matrix.

The caliper of the example tree is three inches.

Step 2. Grade the tree according to trunk structure based on the information on p. 10. Trees with one dominant trunk are graded Florida Fancy. Trees with double or multiple trunks are given a lesser grade depending on the extent of the defect.

Grade: Florida No. 2

The drawings and description of a Florida No. 2 in Fig. 1 most closely match the condition of the example tree. That is, the trunk divides into two equal-sized trunks in the lower ½ of the tree. This is difficult to see in this photograph. Look carefully at the bottom of the crown. See arrow in photo above right.

Step 3. Grade the tree according to structural uniformity (see Fig. 2, p. 11).

Grade: Florida Fancy

The example tree has a uniform crown as shown on p. 11.

Step 4. Record the lowest grade determined in Step 2 or Step 3.

Grade: Florida No. 2

The grade determined in Step 2 = Florida No. 2 and in Step 3 = Florida Fancy.



Quercus virginiana - live oak
Florida No. 2

Step 5. If one of the following statements is true, reduce the grade determined in Step 4 by one. If two or more are true, reduce the grade by two. Reference Type 1 Matrix and three-inch caliper for 5a, 5b and 5d.

- a) Tree does not meet height requirement.
- b) Crown does not meet diameter requirement.
- c) Root ball is not secure enough to successfully transplant.
- d) Root ball or container is undersized. If two or more sizes, reduce grade by two.
- e) Tree with a trunk caliper larger than two inches requires a stake to hold the trunk erect. For multi-trunked trees, this applies to each trunk individually.

Grade: Florida No. 2

The grade determined in Step 4 is not reduced because all statements in Step 5 are false.

Step 6. If two of the following statements are true, reduce the grade determined in Step 5 by one. If three or more of the statements are true, reduce the grade by two. It takes only one true statement to reduce Florida Fancy to Florida No. 1.

- a) Flush cuts were made when pruning branches from the trunk (Fig. 3, p. 12).
- b) Branch stubs were left beyond the collar (Fig. 3, p. 12). A branch stub can be removed and not reduce the grade.
- c) Open trunk wounds are evident. Wounds are considered open when they are greater than 10% of trunk circumference and/or more than two inches tall. Open or closed, proper pruning cuts, surface abrasions or scratches to the bark should not be downgraded. See Glossary: **Trunk wound**.
- d) More than 10% of the crown exhibits necrosis or chlorosis or damage from pests, diseases or tip dieback.
- e) The crown is thin and sparsely foliated. Some species are thin and sparsely foliated in fall through early spring; recently harvested field grown trees might also be thin and should not be downgraded.
- f) There is included bark between the trunk and a major lateral branch or between main trunks. (Appendix B, p. 37.)
- g) Trunks and/or major branches are touching.

Grade: Florida No. 2

The grade determined in Step 5 is not reduced because all statements in Step 6 are false.

Step 7. The tree is a Cull if one of the following three conditions are true:

- a) The top-most structural root (roots among largest on the tree) emerges from trunk (root collar) more than two inches below the top of the root ball surface. Soil, substrate and/or roots can be removed from the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the root ball to conform to this depth requirement. For example, see Appendix A, Part 2, p. 30-31.
- b) One or more roots greater than $\frac{1}{10}$ the trunk caliper circle more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of trunk in the top $\frac{1}{2}$ of the root ball. All three conditions ($> \frac{1}{10}$ trunk caliper, $\frac{1}{3}$ around, top $\frac{1}{2}$ of the root ball) must be true to grade as a Cull. One or more circling roots less than $\frac{1}{3}$ the trunk diameter can be cut at the point just inside where they begin to circle. For multi-trunked trees, caliper equals the sum of the three largest trunks. Following cutting, the tree is no longer a Cull. For example, see Appendix A, Part 2, p. 30-31.

Final Grade: Florida No. 2

The grade determined in Step 2 is Florida No. 2. None of the statements in Steps 6 and 7 are true, so the grade remains Florida No. 2.

EXAMPLE 2

Grade a six-foot tall wax privet with a six-foot crown diameter grown in a 30-gallon container (pictured below). The tree stands erect by itself and root ball is secure enough to transplant. There is chlorosis on 4% or 5% of the crown, and the crown was sheared. There is bark included between the trunks but no trunks or major branches are touching one another. Skip Step 2 because you are grading a small-maturing tree (Index of Small-Maturing Trees, p. 26).



Ligustrum japonicum - wax privet

Step 1. Find the container size or root ball diameter. Choose the appropriate tree matrix (see Index of Trees on pages 19-26 for guidance). Skip Step 2.

Appropriate tree matrix type: Type 3 Matrix, Short and Wide/Multi-Trunked. (The Index of Trees indicates Type 3 Matrix is appropriate for ligustrum.)

Step 2. Skip because the tree you are grading is a small-maturing multi-trunked tree.

Step 3. Grade the tree according to structural uniformity (see Fig. 2, p. 11).

Grade: Florida Fancy
The example tree has a small portion of the crown missing and most closely matches the Florida Fancy drawings in Figure 2.

Step 4. Record the lowest grade determined in Step 3.

Grade: Florida Fancy
Step 2 was skipped, and Step 3 = Florida Fancy.

Step 5. If one of the following statements is true, reduce the grade determined in Step 4 by one. If two or more are true, reduce the grade by two. For multi-trunked, small-maturing trees, use container size or root ball diameter (not caliper) for 5b and skip 5a and 5d. Reference Type 3 Matrix for 5b.

- Tree does not meet height requirement.
- Crown does not meet diameter requirement.
- Root ball is not secure enough to successfully transplant.
- Root ball or container is undersized. If two or more sizes, reduce grade by two.
- Tree with a trunk caliper larger than 2 inches requires a stake to hold the trunk erect. For multi-trunked trees, this applies to each trunk individually.

Grade: Florida Fancy
There is no reason to reduce the grade from Step 4 since none of the above are true.

Step 6. If two of the following statements are true, reduce the grade determined in Step 5 by one. If three or more of the statements are true, reduce the grade by two. It takes only one true statement to reduce Florida Fancy to Florida No. 1.

- Flush cuts were made when pruning branches from the trunk (Fig. 3, p. 12).
- Branch stubs were left beyond the collar (Fig. 3, p. 12). A branch stub can be removed and not reduce the grade.

- c) Open trunk wounds are evident. Wounds are considered open when they are greater than 10% of trunk circumference and/or more than two inches tall. Open or closed, proper pruning cuts, surface abrasions or scratches to the bark should not be downgraded. See Glossary: **Trunk wound**.
- d) More than 10% of the crown exhibits necrosis or chlorosis or damage from pests, diseases or tip dieback.
- e) The crown is thin and sparsely foliated. Some species are thin and sparsely foliated in fall through early spring. Recently harvested field grown trees might also be thin and should not be downgraded.
- f) There is included bark between the trunk and a major lateral branch, or between main trunks. (Appendix B, p. 37.)
- g) Trunks and/or major branches are touching.

Grade: Florida Fancy

The grade determined in Step 5 is not reduced because only one statement is true: (f).

Two statements must be true in order to downgrade a Florida Fancy to Florida No. 1.

Step 7. The tree is a Cull if one of the following conditions are true:

- a) The top-most structural root (roots among largest on the tree) emerges from trunk (root collar) more than two inches below the top of the root ball surface. Soil, substrate and/or roots can be removed from the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the root ball to conform to this depth requirement. For example, see Appendix A, Part 2, p. 30-31.
- b) One or more roots greater than $\frac{1}{10}$ the trunk caliper, circle more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of trunk in the top $\frac{1}{2}$ of the root ball. All three conditions ($> \frac{1}{10}$ trunk caliper, $\frac{1}{3}$ around, top $\frac{1}{2}$ of the root ball) must be true to grade as a Cull. One or more circling roots less than $\frac{1}{3}$ the trunk diameter can be cut at the point just inside where they begin to circle. For multi-trunked trees, caliper equals the sum of the three largest trunks. Following cutting, the tree is no longer a Cull. For example, see Appendix A, Part 2, p. 30-31.

Final Grade: Florida Fancy

None of the statements in Steps 6 and 7 are true, so the grade remains Florida Fancy.

STEP 2—Determining the Quality of Trunk Structure

Instructions: Locate the drawing, caption and associated text below that most closely represents the trunk structure of the tree you are grading. Select the appropriate tree grade at the end of Step 2 on page 4. For photographic examples, see pages 16-18 and 34-35. Skip Step 2 when grading small-maturing trees (Index of Small-Maturing Trees, p. 26).

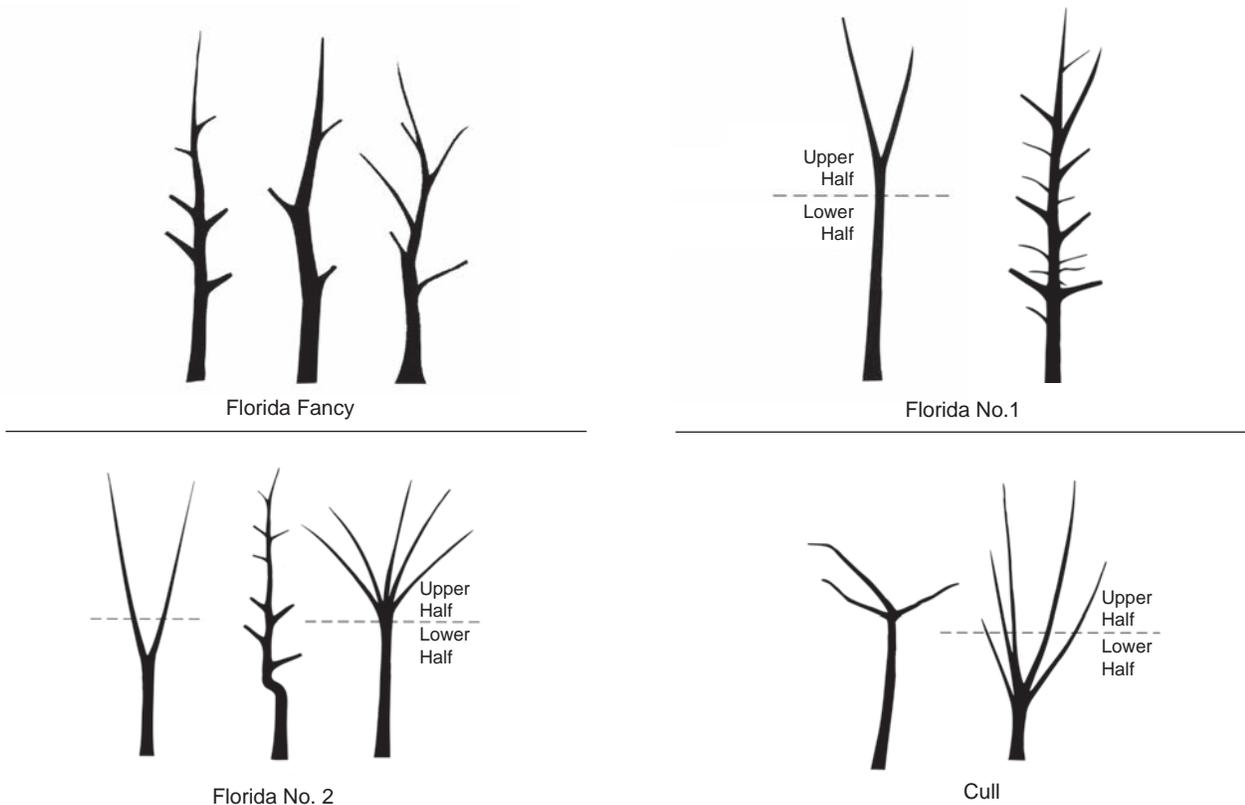


Figure 1.

Florida Fancy — There is one trunk, more or less in the center of the tree as shown above; trunk does not have to be perfectly straight. The tip of the leader on the main trunk must be intact and its terminal bud must be the highest part of the tree. No trunk or branch can have a diameter greater than $\frac{2}{3}$ the trunk diameter measured directly above the branch union. If the trunk divides in two nearly equal diameter stems in the upper 10% of the tree, the trunk is not downgraded to a Florida No. 1.

Florida No. 1 — The trunk divides into two nearly equal diameter trunks in the upper $\frac{1}{2}$ of the tree. If one trunk is $\frac{2}{3}$ or less than the diameter of the other trunk, they do not have equal diameters, making the tree a Florida Fancy. Pruning in the upper $\frac{1}{2}$ of the tree to subordinate the competing trunk may leave a noticeable void in the crown. The tip of the leader on the main trunk must be intact and its terminal bud must be the highest part of the tree.

Florida No. 2 — The trunk divides into two nearly equal trunks along the lower $\frac{1}{2}$ of the tree or the trunk divides into three or more nearly equal diameter trunks in the upper $\frac{1}{2}$ of the tree. Do not downgrade the tree if competing trunks are $\frac{2}{3}$ or less the diameter of one main trunk measured above the union. Pruning to subordinate competing trunks will leave a large void in the crown. If there is a dogleg in the clear trunk portion of the tree, grade the tree a Florida No. 2. A dogleg in the crown of the tree is not a downgrading factor. (See Glossary: **Dogleg**).

Cull — The trunk divides into three or more nearly equal diameter trunks along the lower $\frac{1}{2}$ of the trunk.

Note: See Appendix A - Best Management Practices, Part One, p. 29, for corrective pruning suggestion.

STEP 3 — Determining the Crown Uniformity

Instructions: Identify the drawing, caption and associated text below that most closely represents the crown uniformity of the tree you are grading. Select the appropriate tree grade, Florida Fancy or Florida No. 2, at the end of Step 3 on page 4.

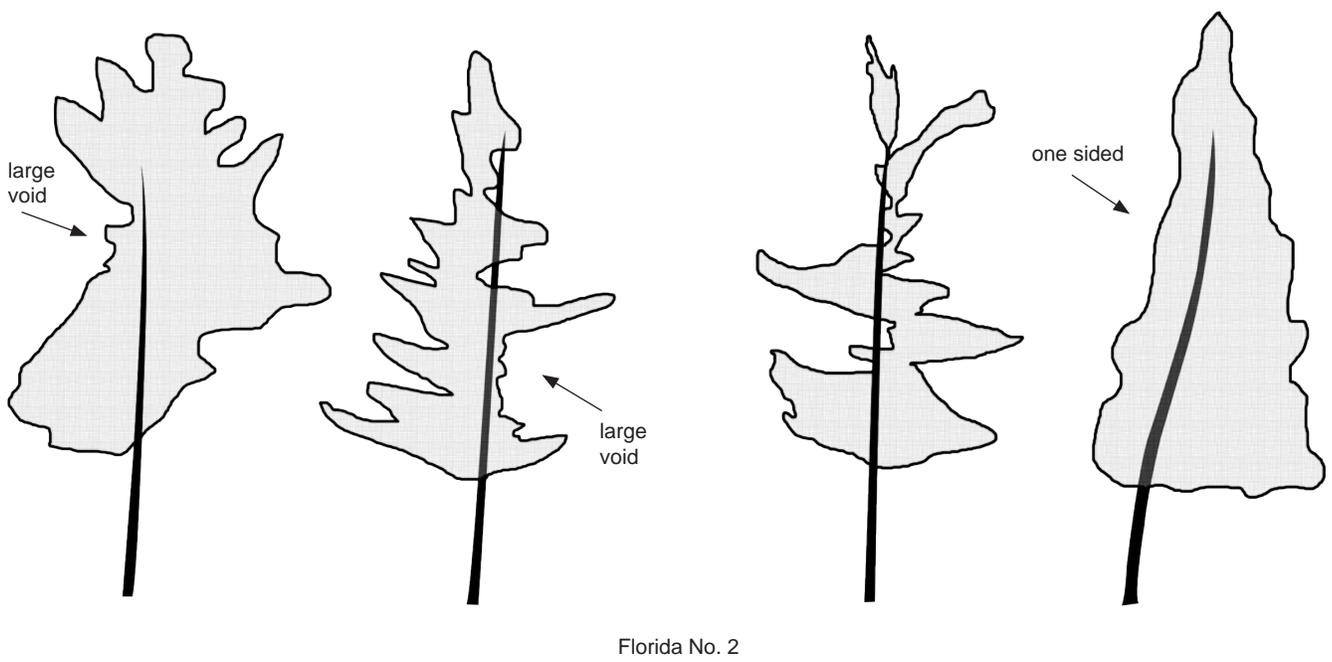
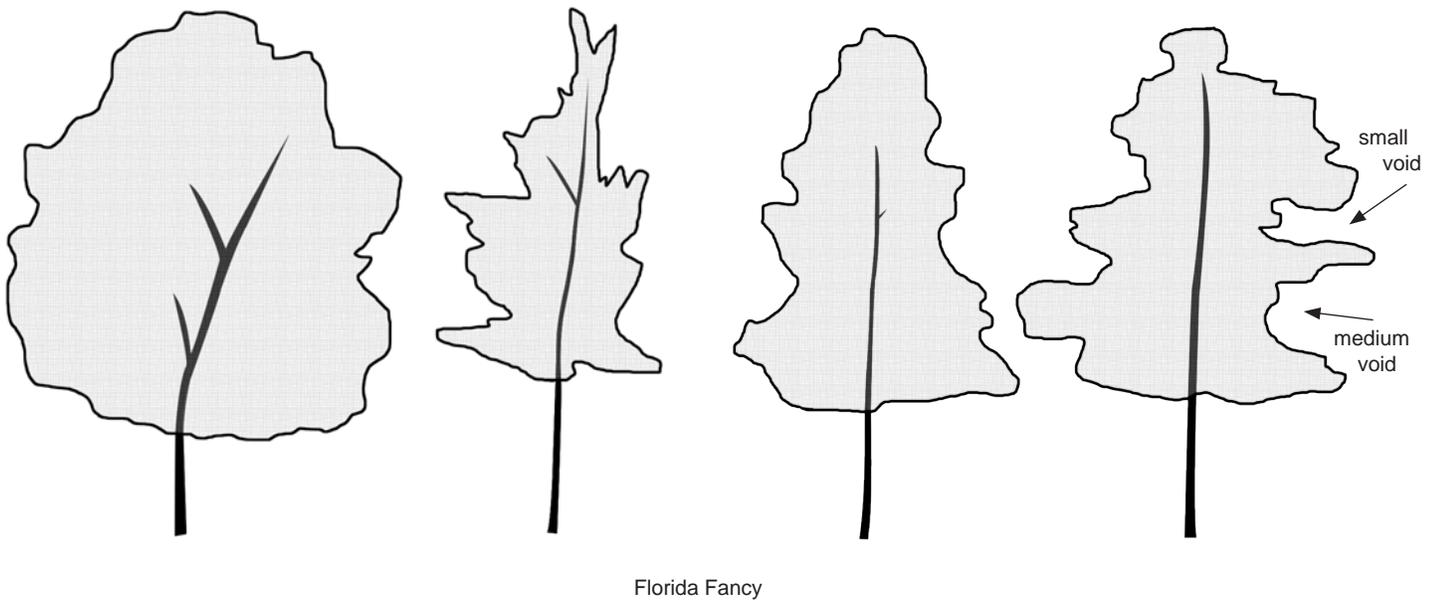


Figure 2.

Florida Fancy — There may be small to medium voids, and crown shapes may vary.

Florida No. 2 — There are large voids, and/or the tree may be one sided.

Not all shapes and forms are represented here. These images include a sample of what would be considered acceptable for Florida Fancy and Florida No. 2. **Note:** For crown uniformity there is no Florida No. 1 or cull grade. Carry a Florida Fancy or Florida No. 2 grade to Step 4.

Step 6 (a) — Determining if Pruning Cuts Were Made Correctly

Instructions: Locate the photograph, drawing, caption and associated text below which most closely represents the condition of the pruning cuts on the tree you are grading. Check the ‘true’ column in Step 6 (a & b) if incorrect pruning cuts were made.

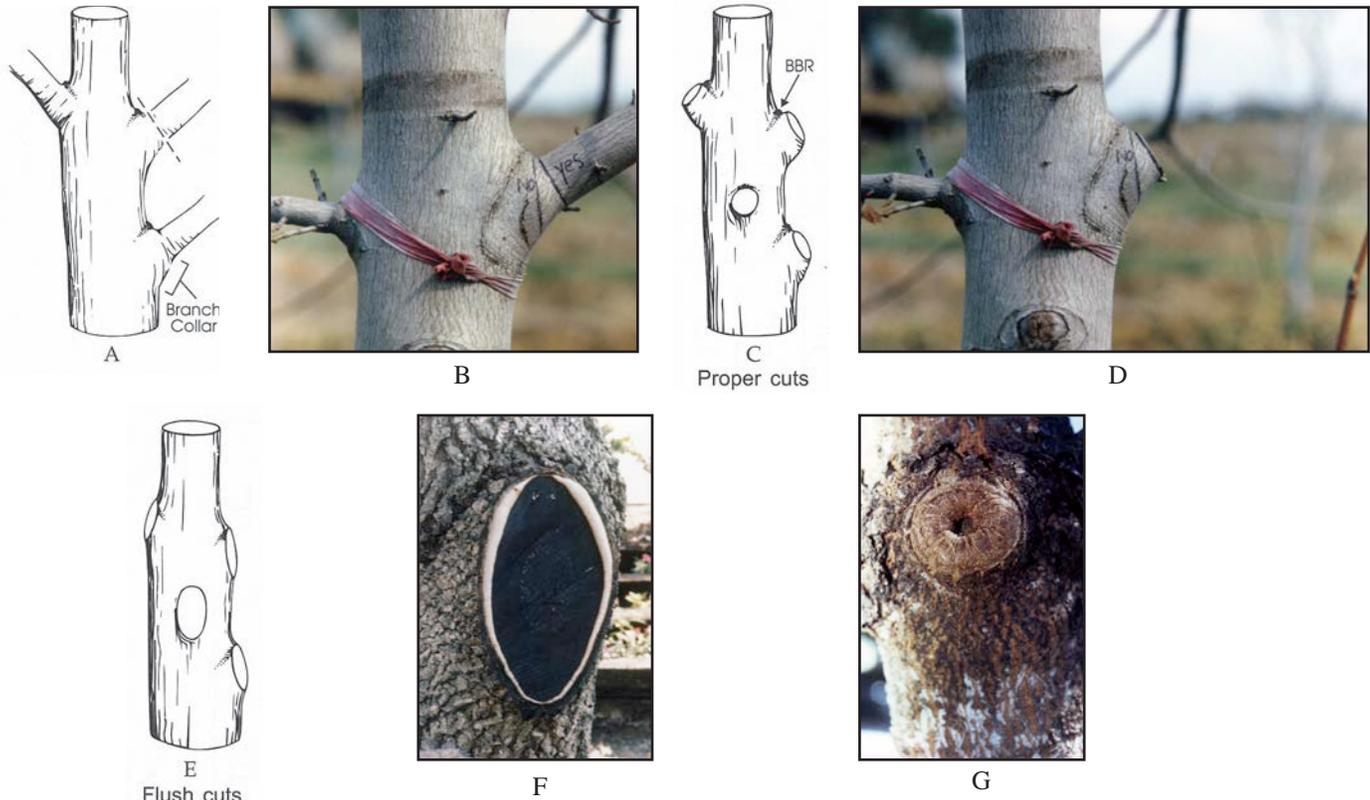


Figure 3.

Figure 3A — Notice the swelling at the base of each branch. This is branch and trunk tissue (referenced as the collar) which helps hold the branch securely on the trunk. A proper cut is made along the dashed line. Some species have no swelling at the base of branches, and it may be more difficult to determine exactly where to make a proper pruning cut. Always begin the cut to the outside of the branch bark ridge, and angle it away from the trunk.

Figure 3B — Cut along the line just to the left of the word ‘yes’ to properly remove the branch. If the cut is made closer to the trunk, this is a flush cut. If it is made farther from the trunk, a stub will be left.

Figure 3C — This shows how to properly remove branches from the trunk. Always cut to the outside of the branch collar and branch bark ridge (BBR). Notice that the BBR is still visible on top of the pruning cut and the pruning cut is nearly circular.

Figure 3D — The right hand side of photograph shows a properly executed pruning cut with BBR and collar intact.

Figure 3E — Never make a flush cut as shown here. Notice that the BBR is missing from the top of the pruning cut. This improper cut, usually oval, initiates trunk decay and can reduce growth in the nursery and landscape after planting.

Figure 3F — The pruning cut and the woundwood or callus which closes over a flush cut is often shaped like an oval. Woundwood is often missing from the top or bottom of a flush cut.

Figure 3G — Woundwood or callus around a proper pruning cut is circular.

TYPE 1 MATRIX — TALL AND WIDE FORM Examples: black-olive, golden shower tree, live oak, mahogany, red maple, river birch, royal poinciana, southern magnolia, sycamore, winged elm				
Trunk caliper	Tree height greater than or equal to	Crown diameter greater than or equal to	B&B root ball diameter greater than or equal to	Container volume greater than or equal to
1½"	5'	34"	20"	15 Gal.
2"	6'	42"	24"	25 Gal.
2½"	7'	48"	28"	25 Gal.
3"	8'	54"	32"	45 Gal.
3½"	9'	5'	36"	65 Gal.
4"	10'	6'	40"	100 Gal.
4½"	12'	7'	44"	100 Gal.
5"	14'	8'	44"	100 Gal.
5½"	16'	9'	50"	200 Gal.
6"	17'	10'	52"	200 Gal.
7"	18'	11'	60"	300 Gal.
8"	19'	12'	70"	300 Gal.
9"	20'	13'	80"	670 Gal.
10"	20'	14'	80"	670 Gal.

Notes:

1. Trees to be graded under this matrix are listed in the Index of Trees on pages 19-26.
2. Root ball depth on B&B stock shall be at least ⅔ of the root ball diameter shown. Trees grown in soils with high water table can have shallower root balls provided the root ball diameter is increased to the next larger tree size in the table.
3. For the purpose of determining minimum root ball size, hardened-off field grown trees can have a caliper up to one inch larger than indicated in the table.
4. If caliper does not appear in matrix, use the next smallest matrix caliper.

Note: ANSI standards Z60.1 designations for container size (e.g. #3, #15, #30, etc.) can be substituted for container volume.

TYPE 2 MATRIX — TALL AND NARROW FORM Examples: bald-cypress, Eagleston holly, East Palatka holly, Italian cypress, Japanese blueberry, little gem magnolia, pine, southern red-cedar				
Trunk caliper	Tree height greater than or equal to	Crown diameter greater than or equal to	B&B root ball diameter greater than or equal to	Container volume greater than or equal to
1½"	5'	20"	20"	15 Gal.
2"	6'	22"	24"	25 Gal.
2½"	7'	25"	28"	25 Gal.
3"	8'	28"	32"	45 Gal.
3½"	9'	32"	36"	65 Gal.
4"	10'	36"	40"	100 Gal.
4½"	12'	48"	44"	100 Gal.
5"	14'	54"	44"	100 Gal.
5½"	16'	5'	50"	200 Gal.
6"	17'	6'	52"	200 Gal.
7"	18'	7'	60"	300 Gal.
8"	19'	8'	70"	300 Gal.
9"	20'	9'	80"	670 Gal.
10"	20'	10'	80"	670 Gal.

Notes:

1. Trees to be graded under this matrix are listed in the Index of Trees on pages 19-26.
2. Root ball depth on B&B stock shall be at least ⅔ of the root ball diameter shown. Trees grown in soils with high water table can have shallower root balls provided the root ball diameter is increased to the next larger tree size in the table.
3. For the purpose of determining minimum root ball size, hardened-off field grown trees can have a caliper up to one inch larger than indicated in the table.
4. If caliper does not appear in matrix, use the next smallest matrix caliper.

Note: ANSI standards Z60.1 designations for container size (e.g. #3, #15, #30, etc.) can be substituted for container volume.

TYPE 3 MATRIX — SHORT/WIDE AND MULTI-TRUNKED FORM Examples: bottle-brush, crape-myrtle, ligustrum, pigeon plum, sea-grape, silver buttonwood, tabebuia, wax-myrtle, yaupon holly				
Trunk caliper	Tree height greater than or equal to	Crown diameter greater than or equal to	B&B root ball diameter greater than or equal to	Container volume greater than or equal to
1½"	5'	24"	20"	15 Gal.
2"	6'	30"	24"	25 Gal.
2½"	6'	36"	28"	25 Gal.
3"	7'	42"	32"	45 Gal.
3½"	8'	4'	36"	65 Gal.
4"	9'	5'	40"	100 Gal.
4½"	10'	6'	44"	100 Gal.
5"	12'	7'	44"	100 Gal.
5½"	14'	8'	50"	200 Gal.
6"	14'	8'	52"	200 Gal.

Notes:

1. Trees to be graded under this matrix are listed in the Index of Trees on pages 19-26.
2. Root ball depth on B&B stock shall be at least ⅔ of the root ball diameter shown. Trees grown in soils with high water table can have shallower root balls provided the root ball diameter is increased to the next larger tree size in the table.
3. For the purpose of determining minimum root ball size, harden off trees field grown can have a caliper up to one inch larger than indicated in the table.
4. If caliper does not appear in matrix, use the next smallest matrix caliper.
5. For multi-trunked small-maturing trees, find the container size or root ball diameter of the tree you are grading and ignore the caliper.
6. Multi-trunked, small-maturing trees should not be downgraded if they are shorter than the minimum height.

Note: ANSI standards Z60.1 designations for container size (e.g. #3, #15, #30, etc.) can be substituted for container volume.

Florida Fancy Examples

Tree has one dominant trunk or is multi-trunked. Crown uniformity is Florida Fancy on all six crowns shown.



Type 1 Matrix: live oak



Type 1 Matrix: black-olive



Type 2 Matrix: East Palatka holly



Type 2 Matrix: bald-cypress



Type 3 Matrix: wax privet



Type 3 Matrix: loblolly bay

Florida No. 1 Examples

Tree is downgraded for a double trunk in top half, or a narrow crown.
Crown uniformity is Florida Fancy on all six crowns shown.



Type 1 Matrix: live oak



Type 1 Matrix: sycamore



Type 2 Matrix: East Palatka holly



Type 2 Matrix: bald-cypress



Type 1 Matrix: red maple



Type 1 Matrix: sweetgum

Florida No. 2 Examples

Trees below represent a variety of downgrades including double trunk in the lower half, a dogleg in the clear trunk or a non-uniform crown. Not all downgrades are present on every tree.



Type 1 Matrix: live oak



Type 1 Matrix: black-olive



Type 1 Matrix: red maple



Type 1 Matrix: sweetgum



Type 3 Matrix: citrus



Type 3 Matrix: loblolly bay

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Instructions: Find the tree you are grading in the list below and note the matrix type in the left column. Return to Step 1 on page 4.

Matrix type	Common Name*	Scientific Name
3	acacia, sweet	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>
1	African tulip tree	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
1	almond, tropical	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>
2	American hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>
3	arborvitae	<i>Platyclusus orientalis</i>
1	ash	<i>Fraxinus</i> spp.
1	avocado	<i>Persea americana</i>
2	bald-cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
3	Barbados-cherry	<i>Malpighia emarginata</i>
1	basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>
1	bauhinia	<i>Bauhinia</i> spp.
2	bay, loblolly	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>
3	bay, red	<i>Persea borbonia</i>
2	bay, sweet	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>
3	beech, blue	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>
1	birch, river	<i>Betula nigra</i> & cvs.
1	black-gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
1	black ironwood	<i>Krugiodendron ferreum</i>
1	black-olive	<i>Bucida buceras</i>
3	blue-beech	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>
3	bottle brush	<i>Callistemon</i> spp.
3	Brazilian beauty leaf	<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i>
3	carambola	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i>
3	cassia	<i>Cassia</i> spp.
2	cedar, eastern red	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
1	cedar, Japanese	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>
2	cedar, southern red	<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>
3	cherry, Barbados	<i>Malpighia emarginata</i>
3	citrus	<i>Citrus</i> spp.
1	cottonwood	<i>Populus</i> spp.
3	crape-myrtle cultivars	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> hybrids and
3	crape-myrtle, queen	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i>
2	cypress, bald	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
2	cypress, Italian	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>
2	cypress, Leyland	<i>X Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>
2	cypress, pond	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>
3	dogwood, flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i> & cvs.
3	elder, yellow	<i>Tecoma stans</i>
1	elm, American	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
2	elm, lace bark	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
1	elm, winged	<i>Ulmus alata</i>

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Matrix type	Common Name	Scientific Name
2	eucalyptus	<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.
3	fig, rusty	<i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>
1	floss silk tree	<i>Chorisia speciosa</i>
3	frangipani	<i>Plumeria rubra</i>
3	fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
3	fringetree, Chinese	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>
3	geiger tree	<i>Cordia sebestena</i>
2	ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> & cvs.
3	glorybush	<i>Tibouchina urvilleana</i>
1	golden rain tree	<i>Koelreuteria elegans</i>
1	golden shower tree	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
1	green buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> & cvs. & vars.
3	guava	<i>Psidium guajava</i>
1	gum, black	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
1	gumbo limbo	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>
2	hackberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>
3	hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i> spp.
1	hickory	<i>Carya</i> spp.
1	holly, American	<i>Ilex opaca</i>
2	holly, dahoon	<i>Ilex cassine</i> & vars. & cvs.
2	holly, Eagleston	<i>Ilex x attenuate</i> 'Eagleston'
2	holly, East Palatka	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'East Palatka'
2	holly, Foster	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Fosteri'
3	holly, Nellie R. Stevens	<i>Ilex</i> 'Nellie R. Stevens'
2	holly, Savannah	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Savannah'
2	holly, weeping yaupon	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Pendula'
3	holly, yaupon	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
1	Indian-rubber tree	<i>Ficus elastica</i>
1	jacaranda	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>
3	Jamaican dogwood	<i>Piscidia piscipula</i>
3	Japanese blueberry	<i>Elaeocarpus decipens</i>
2	Japanese cedar	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>
3	Japanese fern tree	<i>Filicium decipiens</i>
1	Japanese pagoda tree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>
3	Jerusalem thorn	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>
1	kapok	<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>
3	lignum-vitae	<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>
3	ligustrum, wax privet	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>
3	loquat	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>
3	lychee	<i>Litchi chinensis</i>
3	Madagascar olive	<i>Noronhia emarginata</i>
2	magnolia, 'Bracken Brown' Beauty	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Bracken Brown' Beauty
2	magnolia, 'Little Gem'	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem'
3	magnolia, saucer	<i>Magnolia x soulangeana</i>
1	magnolia, southern	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>
1	mahogany	<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i>
3	mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i> & cvs.

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Matrix type	Common Name	Scientific Name
3	mangrove, black	<i>Avicennia germinans</i>
1	maple, Florida	<i>Acer floridanum</i>
3	maple, Japanese	<i>Acer palmatum</i>
1	maple, red	<i>Acer rubrum</i> & cvs.
1	maple, silver	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>
1	mastic tree	<i>Sideroxylon foetidissimum</i>
1	oak, bluff	<i>Quercus austrina</i>
1	oak, laurel	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>
1	oak, live	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>
1	oak, pin	<i>Quercus palustris</i>
1	oak, post	<i>Quercus stellata</i>
1	oak, sand live	<i>Quercus geminata</i>
1	oak, sawtooth	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>
1	oak, Shumard	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>
1	oak, southern red	<i>Quercus falcata</i>
1	oak, swamp-chestnut	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>
1	oak, water	<i>Quercus nigra</i>
1	oak, white	<i>Quercus alba</i>
1	oak, willow	<i>Quercus phellos</i>
3	olive, black	<i>Bucida buceras</i>
3	olive, spiny black	<i>Bucida molinetii</i>
1	paradise tree	<i>Simarouba glauca</i>
3	pigeon plum	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>
2	pine	<i>Pinus</i> spp.
3	pine, screw	<i>Pandanus utilis</i>
3	pistache, Chinese	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>
3	pitch-apple	<i>Clusia rosea</i>
3	plum, Chickasaw	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>
3	plum, pigeon	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>
2	podocarpus, Japanese yew	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>
2	podocarpus, nagi	<i>Podocarpus nagi</i>
2	podocarpus, weeping	<i>Podocarpus gracilior</i>
3	poinciana, dwarf	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>
1	poinciana, royal	<i>Delonix regia</i>
1	poinciana, yellow	<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>
1	red-bay	<i>Persea borbonia</i>
3	redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
1	river birch	<i>Betula nigra</i> & cvs.
3	rubber tree, Indian	<i>Ficus elastica</i>
1	satinleaf	<i>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</i>
3	screw-pine	<i>Pandanus utilis</i>
3	sea-grape	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>
1	silk-cotton tree, red	<i>Bombax ceiba</i>
3	silver buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>
3	small leaf clusia	<i>Clusia guttifera</i>
3	spiny black-olive	<i>Bucida molinetii</i>
3	stopper	<i>Eugenia</i> spp.

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Matrix type	Common Name	Scientific Name
1	sweet gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> & cvs.
1	sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
3	syzygium	<i>Syzygium</i> spp.
3	tabebuia	<i>Tabebuia</i> spp.
1	tamarind	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>
1	tamarind, wild	<i>Lysiloma latisiliquum</i>
1	tropical-almond	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>
1	tulip tree, African	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
1	tulip-poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>
1	tupelo	<i>Nyssa ogeche</i>
3	verawood	<i>Bulnesia arborea</i>
3	wax-myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
1	weeping willow	<i>Salix babylonica</i>
3	wild-tamarind	<i>Lysiloma latisiliquum</i>

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3	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>	acacia, sweet
1	<i>Acer floridanum</i>	maple, Florida
3	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	maple, Japanese
1	<i>Acer rubrum</i> & cvs.	maple, red
1	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	maple, silver
3	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i>	carambola
3	<i>Avicennia germinans</i>	mangrove, black
1	<i>Bauhinia</i> spp.	bauhinia
1	<i>Betula nigra</i> & cvs.	birch, river; river birch
1	<i>Bombax ceiba</i>	silk-cotton tree, red
1	<i>Bucida buceras</i>	black-olive; olive, black
3	<i>Bucida molinetii</i>	olive, spiny black; spiny black-olive
3	<i>Bulnesia arborea</i>	verawood
1	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	gumbo limbo
3	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	poinciana, dwarf
3	<i>Callistemon</i> spp.	bottle brush
3	<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i>	Brazilian beauty leaf
3	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	blue-beech; beech, blue
1	<i>Carya</i> spp.	hickory
1	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	golden shower tree
3	<i>Cassia</i> spp.	cassia
1	<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>	kapok
2	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	hackberry
3	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	redbud
3	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	fringetree, Chinese
3	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	fringetree
1	<i>Chorisia speciosa</i>	floss silk tree
1	<i>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</i>	satinleaf
3	<i>Citrus</i> spp.	citrus
3	<i>Clusia guttifera</i>	small leaf clusia
3	<i>Clusia rosea</i>	pitch-apple
3	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	pigeon plum; plum, pigeon
3	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	sea-grape
3	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	silver buttonwood
1	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> & cvs. & vars.	green buttonwood
3	<i>Cordia sebestena</i>	geiger tree
3	<i>Cornus florida</i> & cvs.	dogwood, flowering
3	<i>Crataegus</i> spp.	hawthorn
1	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	cedar, Japanese; Japanese cedar
2	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	cypress, Italian
1	<i>Delonix regia</i>	poinciana, royal
3	<i>Elaeocarpus decipens</i>	Japanese blueberry
3	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	loquat

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Matrix Type	Scientific Name	Common Name
2	<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	eucalyptus
3	<i>Eugenia</i> spp.	stopper
1	<i>Ficus elastica</i>	Indian-rubber tree; rubber tree, Indian
3	<i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>	fig, rusty
3	<i>Filicium decipiens</i>	Japanese fern tree
1	<i>Fraxinus</i> spp.	ash
2	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> & cvs.	ginkgo
2	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>	bay, loblolly
3	<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>	lignum-vitae
3	<i>Ilex</i> 'Nellie R. Stevens'	holly, Nellie R. Stevens
2	<i>Ilex cassine</i> & vars. & cvs.	holly, dahoon
1	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	holly, American
3	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	holly, yaupon
2	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Pendula'	holly, weeping yaupon
2	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'East Palatka'	holly, East Palatka
2	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Fosteri'	holly, Foster
2	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Savannah'	holly, Savannah
2	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Eagleston'	holly, Eagleston
1	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	jacaranda
2	<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>	cedar, southern red
2	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	cedar, eastern red
1	<i>Koelreuteria elegans</i>	golden rain tree
1	<i>Krugiodendron ferreum</i>	black ironwood
3	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> hybrids and cultivars	crape-myrtle
3	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i>	crape-myrtle, queen
3	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	ligustrum, wax privet
1	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> & cvs.	sweet gum
1	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	tulip-poplar
3	<i>Litchi chinensis</i>	lychee
1	<i>Lysiloma latisiliquum</i>	wild-tamarind; tamarind, wild
1	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	magnolia, southern
2	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Bracken Brown' Beauty	magnolia, 'Bracken Brown' Beauty
2	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem'	magnolia, 'Little Gem'
2	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	bay, sweet
3	<i>Magnolia x soulangeana</i>	magnolia, saucer
3	<i>Malpighia emarginata</i>	Barbados-cherry; cherry, Barbados
3	<i>Mangifera indica</i> & cvs.	mango
3	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	wax-myrtle
3	<i>Noronhia emarginata</i>	Madagascar olive
1	<i>Nyssa ogeche</i>	tupelo
1	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	black-gum; gum, black
2	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American hophornbeam
3	<i>Pandanus utilis</i>	pine, screw
3	<i>Pandanus utilis</i>	screw-pine
3	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Jerusalem thorn
1	<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>	poinciana, yellow
1	<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado

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1	<i>Persea borbonia</i>	red-bay
2	<i>Pinus</i> spp.	pine
3	<i>Piscidia piscipula</i>	Jamaican dogwood
3	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	pistache, Chinese
1	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	sycamore
3	<i>Platyclusus orientalis</i>	arborvitae
3	<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	frangipani
2	<i>Podocarpus gracilior</i>	podocarpus, weeping
2	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	podocarpus, Japanese yew
2	<i>Podocarpus nagi</i>	podocarpus, nagi
1	<i>Populus</i> spp.	cottonwood
3	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	plum, Chickasaw
3	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	guava
1	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	oak, sawtooth
1	<i>Quercus alba</i>	oak, white
1	<i>Quercus austrina</i>	oak, bluff
1	<i>Quercus falcata</i>	oak, southern red
1	<i>Quercus geminata</i>	oak, sand live
1	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	oak, laurel
1	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	oak, swamp-chestnut
1	<i>Quercus nigra</i>	oak, water
1	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	oak, pin
1	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	oak, willow
1	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	oak, Shumard
1	<i>Quercus stellata</i>	oak, post
1	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	oak, live
1	<i>Salix babylonica</i>	weeping willow
1	<i>Sideroxylon foetidissimum</i>	mastic tree
1	<i>Simarouba glauca</i>	paradise tree
1	<i>Sophora japonica</i>	Japanese pagoda tree
1	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	African tulip tree; tulip tree, African
1	<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i>	mahogany
3	<i>Syzygium</i> spp.	syzygium
3	<i>Tabebuia</i> spp.	tabebuia
1	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	tamarind
2	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	cypress, pond
2	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	bald-cypress; cypress, bald
3	<i>Tecoma stans</i>	elder, yellow
1	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	tropical-almond; almond, tropical
3	<i>Tibouchina urvilleana</i>	glorybush
1	<i>Tilia americana</i>	basswood
1	<i>Ulmus alata</i>	elm, winged
1	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	elm, American
2	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	elm, lace bark
2	<i>X Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>	cypress, Leyland

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Scientific Name	Common Name*
<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>	acacia, sweet
<i>Acer palmatum</i> and cultivars	Japanese maple
<i>Callistemon</i> spp. and cultivars	bottle-brush
<i>Cassia bicapsularis</i>	cassia
<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	Chinese fringetree
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	fringetree
<i>Citrus</i> spp.	citrus
<i>Guaiacum</i> spp.	lignum-vitae
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> and cultivars	yaupon holly
<i>Lagerstroemia</i> hybrids and cultivars	crape-myrtle
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	ligustrum, wax privet
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<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Jerusalem thorn
<i>Platycladus orientalis</i>	arborvitae
<i>Prunus</i> spp. and cultivars	plum
<i>Psidium</i> spp.	guava
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	elder, yellow

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Note: This list is not inclusive of all small-maturing trees. Other trees can be considered small-maturing as long as they naturally remain small at maturity.

GLOSSARY OF TREE TERMS

Balled and burlapped (B&B): A soil ball containing roots of the plant wrapped and secured in natural or treated burlap and/ or wire.

Branch stub: The typically short portion of a branch left beyond the collar.

Caliper: Trunk caliper (trunk diameter) is measured six inches from the ground on trees up to and including four inches in caliper, and 12 inches above the ground for larger trees. Since trunks are seldom round, the average of the largest diameter and that perpendicular to it, is referred to as caliper. Any accurate device including a diameter tape may be used to measure caliper. Trees are placed in diameter classes in order to grade them. For example, trees in the two-inch class include those calipering two inches up to, but not including 2½ inches. Those in the 2½-inch class include trees calipering 2½ inches up to, but not including three inches, and so forth.

Callus: Undifferentiated, meristematic tissue with little lignin formed by the cambium layer; callus can form sprouts.

Chlorosis: A lightness or bleaching (typically yellowing) of green color in the foliage unlike the normal color. This indicates that the plant has not been maintained in the best of health. Chlorosis is not to be confused with normal yellowing of foliage common on many deciduous species late in the season. It is also not to be confused with yellowing of leaves on evergreens just prior to a new leaf flush, or with the normal yellow coloration of variegated foliage.

Clear trunk: That portion of the trunk maintained free of branches. The clear trunk is the lower portion of the trunk measured from the soil line up to the first major branch. Small temporary branches may exist on a clear trunk.

Container: A vessel made from plastic, fabric, wood or other material held above ground or partially in the ground that holds substrate and a root system.

Collar: The swelling formed by the trunk and branch wood intermingling in a union with a branch much smaller than the trunk.

Corrective pruning: Pruning which removes or shortens one or more branches or trunks to create strong, well-structured architecture.

Crown: The branches, twigs and leaves that make up the foliage portion of the tree.

Crown diameter: Crown diameter is the average of the widest branch spread and that perpendicular to it (see Fig. 4).

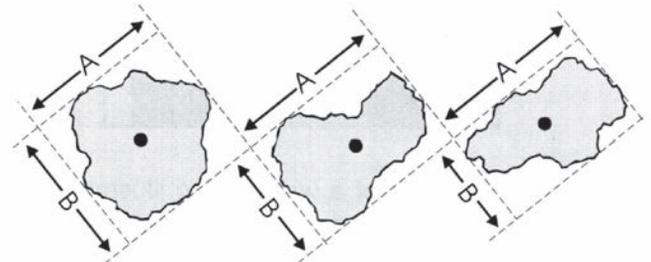


Figure 4. Add A and B together and divide by two to obtain crown diameter.

DBH: Diameter at breast height (4½ feet from the ground). This is not an appropriate method for measuring nursery trees.

Dogleg: A significant S-shaped deformation in the trunk below the crown (see Fig. 5). If there is a dogleg in the clear trunk portion, the tree is graded Florida No. 2. If the dogleg is in the crown portion of the tree, the tree is not downgraded.

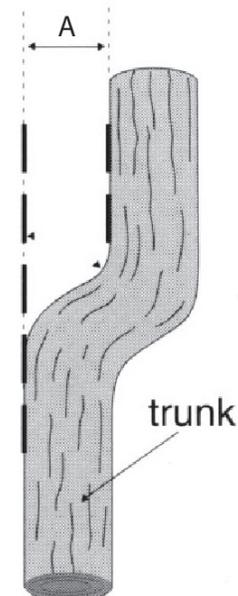


Figure 5. The distance 'A' can be no more than the trunk diameter.

Dominant trunk: The trunk that grows up through the crown of the tree and obviously dominates the rest of the branches.

Flush cut: A pruning cut made too close to, or flush with, the trunk. This type of cut is detrimental to tree health and is not recommended (Fig. 3, p. 12).

Grow-bag: A fabric container used for trees in field soil. Synthetic fabric grow bags must be removed prior to planting. Fabric used to hold substrate and the plant above ground is considered a container.

Hardened-off trees: Field-grown trees that are balled and burlapped in the nursery with visible roots growing through the burlap (Fig. 6).

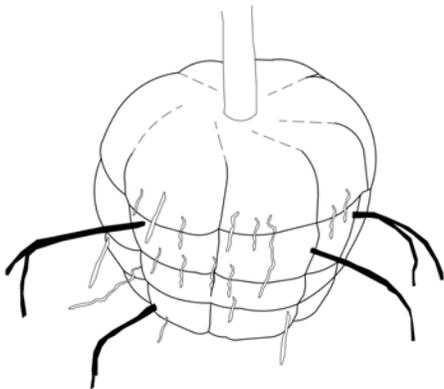


Figure 6. Hardened-off trees have roots growing through the burlap.

Included bark: Bark between a branch and trunk or between trunks that is squeezed together in the branch union (see page 37).

Leader: That part of the trunk that extends into the top $\frac{1}{4}$ on the tree.

Major lateral branches: Branches growing from the main trunk that are among the largest on the tree.

Multi-trunked: Several stems growing from the ground or from a short trunk.

Necrosis: Dead, typically brown, foliage and/or stem tissue.

Root ball diameter: The average diameter of the widest portion of the root ball and that perpendicular to it.

Small-maturing: Trees that remain small in stature, even in old age.

Specialty trees: A formal, man-manipulated plant form, either tree or shrub, developed and maintained by frequent clipping and shearing. Such forms include sheared pyramids, espaliers, columns, animal topiaries, large bonsai and other special shapes. Grades and Standards do not apply to specialty trees.

Standard: Tree trained to grow with a single trunk below the crown.

Subordination (subordination pruning): Removing the terminal, typically upright or end portion of a parent branch or stem to slow growth rate so other portions of the tree grow faster.

Tree height: The distance from the ground to the top most portion of the tree (see Fig. 7). On small, multi-trunked trees such as crape-myrtle, Japanese ligustrum and wax-myrtle, tree height is measured to the top of the main body of the crown.

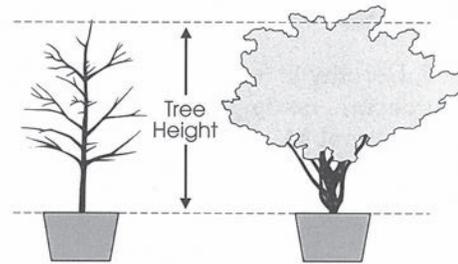


Figure 7. Measuring tree height.

Trunk wound: Wood (xylem) exposed due to injury (from mechanical, biological, or environmental agents) that killed or removed bark. Wounds are considered open when they are greater than 10% of trunk circumference and/or more than two inches tall. The following are not considered trunk damage: scrapes, surface abrasions or discoloration; shallow gouges; evidence of rubbing that does not expose wood; closed pruning wounds, or the woundwood growing over or around any wound.

Vitality: Ample growth as a result of cultural conditions.

Vigor: Ample growth as a result of genetic capacity.

Woundwood: Differentiated woody tissue forming around a wound, such as a pruning cut; typically follows callus.

APPENDIX A - BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP)

IMPORTANT NOTE: This BMP Appendix is NOT part of the grading process!

Introduction

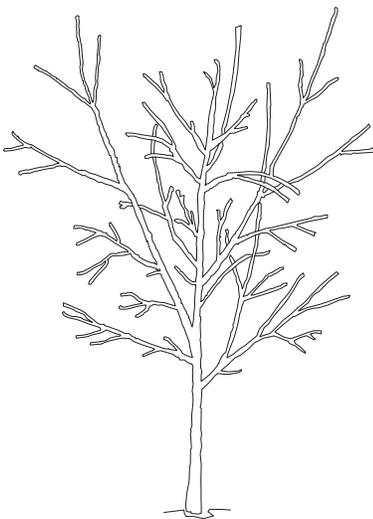
The Best Management Practices (BMP) contained within this section are NOT part of the grading process. Specifying that trees meet a particular grade in the Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants does not imply that the practices outlined in the BMPs are recommended or required. They are presented to teach the best available research- and experience-based practices associated with tree planting and maintenance. Their use is completely optional unless the contract specifications and details call for their inclusion, in which case they are a part of the contract, not the grading process.

**Part One:
Pruning Before, At, or After Planting**

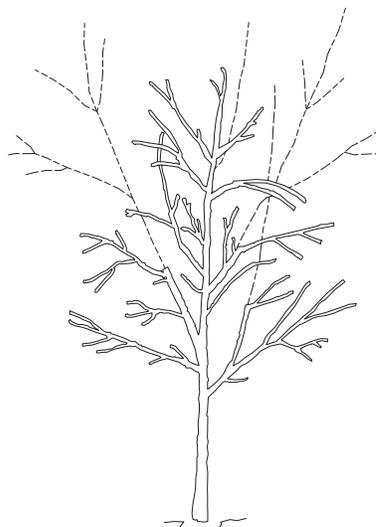
Trees may be delivered with a dominant trunk, but without one leader to the top of the tree. Florida Fancy and Florida No. 1 grades both meet this condition. Under normal nursery practices, it is impractical to maintain every tree with one leader to the very top of the tree. Trees can be pruned before planting, at planting, or after planting without impacting establishment or root growth. Trees pruned as suggested below, generally develop better structure at maturity than those not receiving this treatment (Kristoffersen et al. 2010; Gilman 2014). Following pruning, the tree must meet the grade called for by the project.

The illustrations below are for the very simple case of two stems competing with the central leader. Real-world scenarios are more complicated and require a skilled professional to make judgments as to which branches should be pruned and by how much. This can depend on the tree species, time of year, extent of defects and other factors. Refer to the University of Florida Landscape Plants website at <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/pruning.shtml> for more detail.

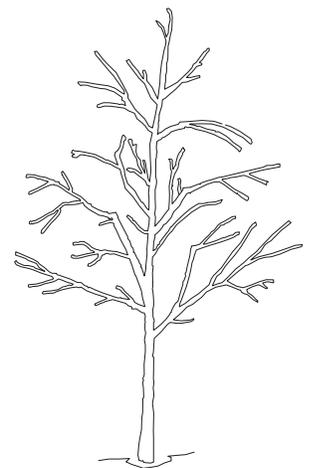
Several stems competing with leader



Remove stems competing with leader



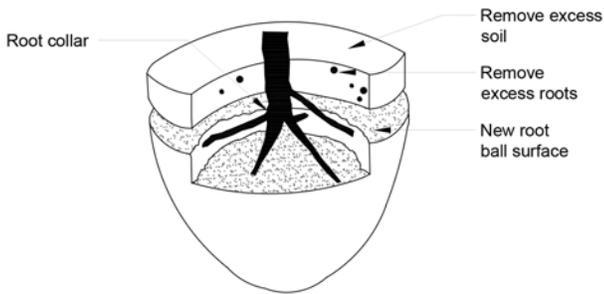
After pruning, one leader dominates crown



**Part Two:
Root Ball Correction**

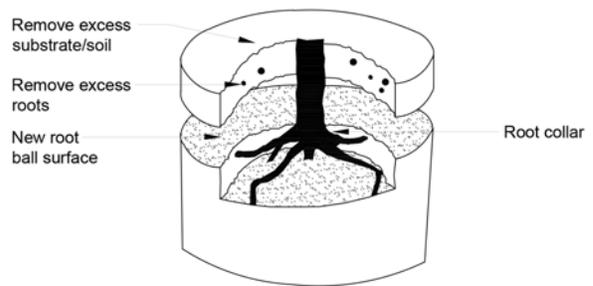
Distance between the substrate or soil surface and the root collar is largely set by the original planting depth in the nursery. The root collar is the point where the top-most structural roots meet the trunk and may or may not be associated with a swelling depending on tree species or age. In some cases, the root collar may be too deep in the root ball. Substrate soil, and/or roots can be removed so the root collar is closer to the root ball top surface. Roots circling or crossing over structural roots can be removed by cutting at the point just before a root turns abruptly to circle or plunge (descend) deeper into the root ball. Roots growing at the edge of the root ball can be removed at time of planting.

Remove soil and roots over the root collar



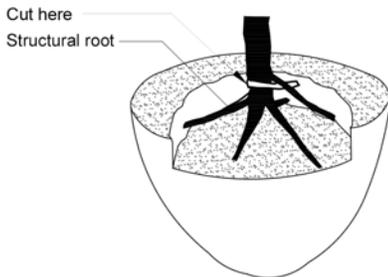
Tree planted too deeply in root ball. Remove excess soil and roots.

Remove soil and roots over the root collar



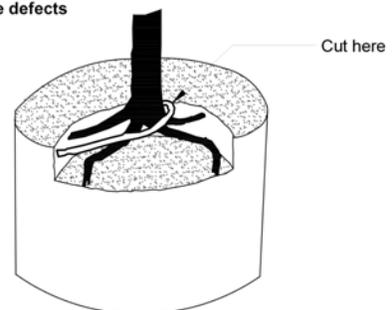
Tree planted too deeply in root ball. Remove excess soil and roots.

Remove defects



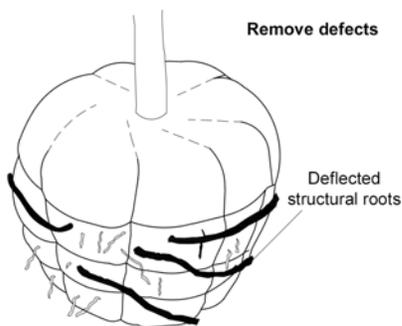
Structural (large) roots shown in black. Remove defective root shown in white.

Remove defects



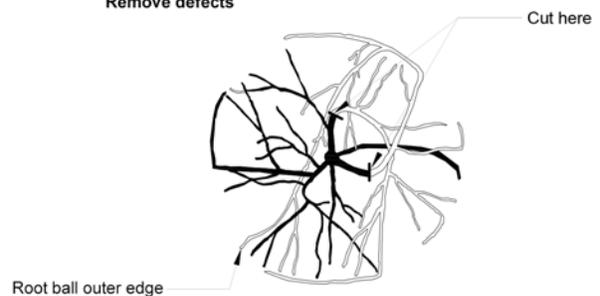
Four structural roots shown in black. Remove root (white) growing over structural roots.

Remove defects



Remove structural roots deflected on the outer edge of root ball.

Remove defects

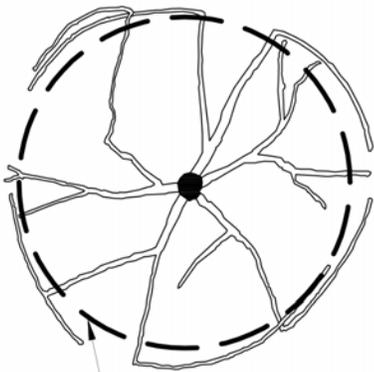


Cut structural root just before they make abrupt turn by cutting tangent (parallel) to the trunk (two cuts shown). Note: Not all roots in the root ball are shown.

Root Ball Correction (continued)

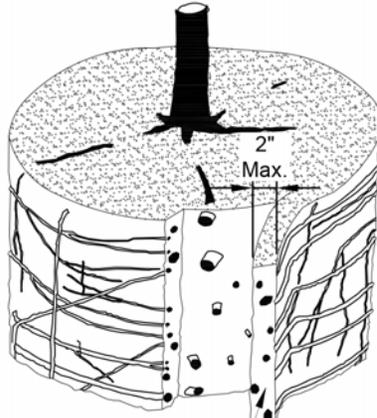
It has been recognized that trees cannot be grown without roots present on the outer edge of the container or hardened-off field-grown root balls. Roots growing up, down and around the edge is a normal condition on nursery-grown trees. Woody (non-fibrous) roots can be removed individually at planting just prior to where they turn. The outer one or two inches (depending on root ball size) of a container root ball can be shaved from the root ball.

Before Shaving



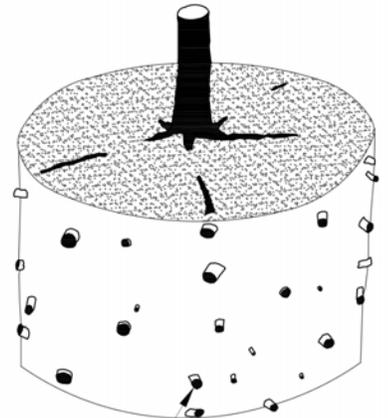
Shave root ball here to remove all roots growing on outer edge of root ball.

Shaving Process



Shave outer edge of root ball 1" to 2" thick.

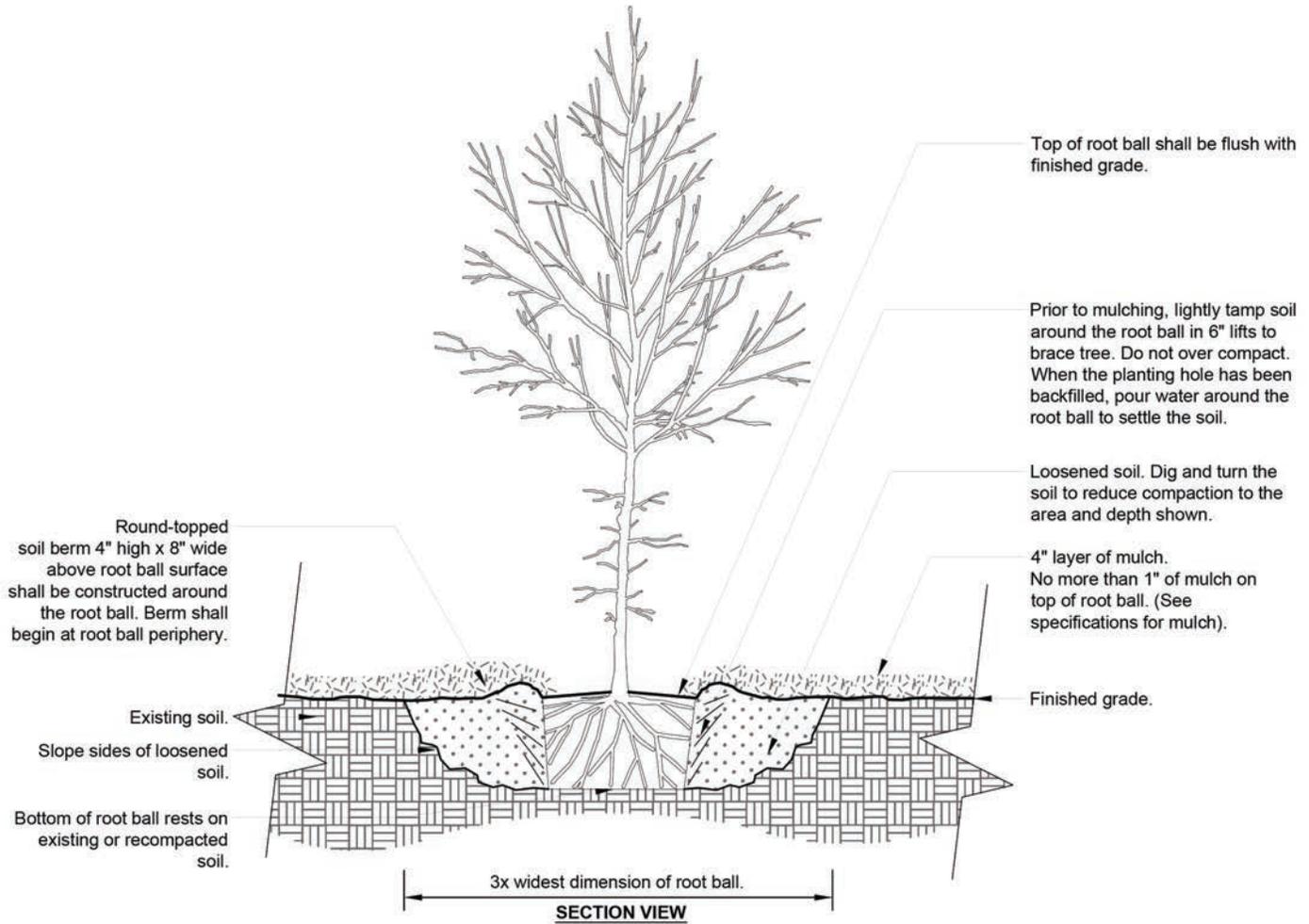
Shaving Complete



Root tips exposed at edge of root ball. All roots growing around edge are removed.

**Part Three:
Planting Detail**

The generalized planting detail presented below is designed for a well-drained, good soil. Modify with written specifications and details as needed. Examples of these in dwg. and pdf. formats can be found at <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/details-specs.shtml>.



Note: Details from pages 29-32 are printed from open-source, editable, and free details and specifications. Thanks to the Urban Tree Foundation, Visalia, California for permission to use these images.

Part Four:
Irrigation After Planting and During Establishment

Regular irrigation after planting is essential for survival and establishment of almost all trees. Establishment is the amount of time required for trees to grow a sufficient root system to support growth in their planted environment. Regular irrigation after planting encourages rapid root growth that is essential for establishment. Irrigation also helps maintain and encourage the desirable dominant leader in the tree crown on large-maturing shade trees. Instead of a dominant leader, trees that are under-irrigated during the establishment period can die back, and often develop undesirable, low, codominant stems and double leaders that can split from the tree later.

Size of nursery stock	Irrigation schedule for vitality	Irrigation schedule for survival
< 2-inch caliper	Daily for two weeks, every other day for two months, weekly until established	Two to three times weekly for two to three months
2 - 4-inch caliper	Daily for one month, every other day for three months, weekly until established	Two to three times weekly for three to four months
> 4-inch caliper	Daily for six weeks, every other day for five months, weekly until established	Twice weekly for four to five months

Table notes:

1. At each irrigation, apply two to three gallons per inch trunk caliper to the root ball surface. Apply it in a manner so all water soaks the entire root ball. Do not water if root ball is wet/saturated on the irrigation day.
2. When irrigating for vitality, delete daily irrigation when planting in winter or when planting in cool climates. Establishment takes three (hardiness zones 10-11) to four (hardiness zones 8-9) months per inch trunk caliper. Never apply irrigation if the soil is saturated.
3. When irrigating for survival, trees take much longer to establish than regularly irrigated trees. Irrigation may be required in the normal hot, dry portions of the following year.

APPENDIX B - SHADE TREE GRADING EXAMPLES



1. Florida Fancy live oak in winter. There is one dominant trunk.



2. Florida Fancy live oak in late spring. The dominant trunk curves slightly up through the crown. This is perfectly acceptable for a Florida Fancy.



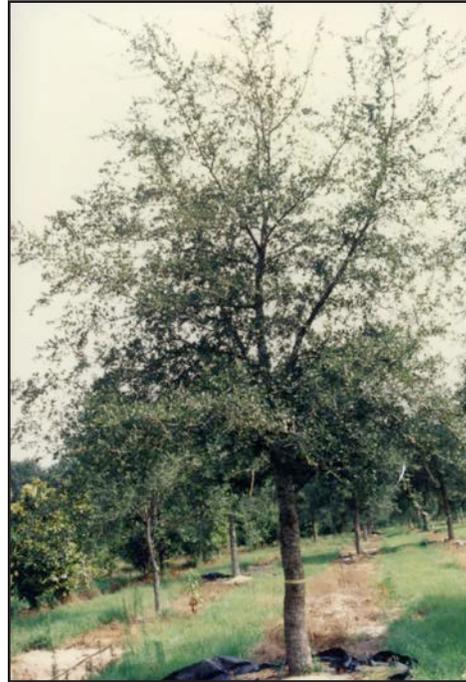
3. Florida Fancy live oak. Major branches are less than $\frac{2}{3}$ the trunk diameter. Several small diameter branches are growing upright at the top of the tree. These can be removed, or preferably cut back to a more horizontal branch, to ensure the trunk remains dominant.



4. Florida Fancy southern magnolia in spring. One trunk dominates the tree.



5. Florida No. 1 live oak. There is one dominant trunk in the lower half of the tree, but the trunk forks in the top half. If one of the two small trunks at the top of the tree were removed, the tree would probably grade to a Florida Fancy. Another alternative which takes less foliage out of the tree is to cut one of the two trunks back to a more horizontally oriented branch.



6. Florida No. 2 live oak. The large branch on the right is larger than $\frac{2}{3}$ the trunk diameter and is in the lower half of the tree, making it a Florida No. 2.



7. Take out the right hand stem at the top of the tree, and this Florida No. 1 becomes a Florida Fancy.



8. Two equally sized trunks originate from the lower half of the tree, making this a Florida No. 2. Remove the left trunk now, and in about 18 months the crown will probably be upgraded to at least a Florida No. 1.



9. The diameter of a branch relative to the trunk is an important comparison that is made in the Tree Section of the Grades and Standards. Measure the branch diameter just beyond the union and beyond the swelling that may be present at the base of the branch. Measure the trunk diameter just above the

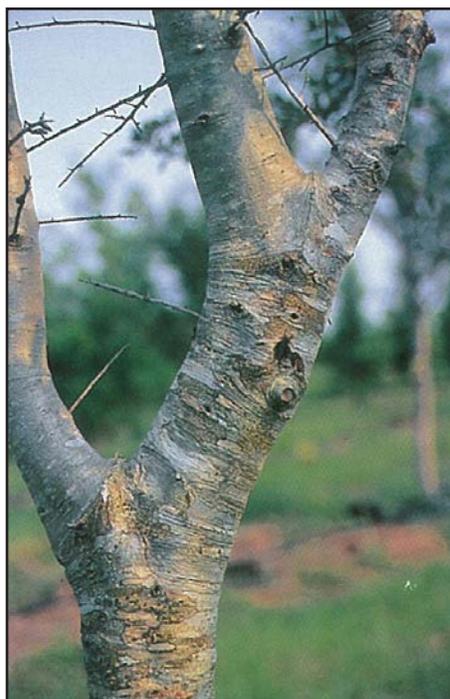
branch union. The tree is downgraded if the branch diameter is greater than $\frac{2}{3}$ the trunk diameter.



10. This is a Florida Fancy trunk because none of the branches are larger than $\frac{2}{3}$ the diameter of the trunk. Note that the trunk does not have to be straight on a Florida Fancy.



11. This trunk has a slight dogleg but not enough to downgrade it to a lower grade.



12. This trunk has a dogleg nearly bad enough to downgrade the tree. If the dogleg was worse, the tree would be downgraded. This bend in the trunk is not a downgrade for two reasons: 1) it is in the crown of the tree, and 2) it is not severe enough to downgrade the tree.



13. Note the included bark in the branch union. The branch bark ridge is not visible because it is included inside the union. The union is shaped like the letter V.



14. Note the included bark in the branch union. The branch bark ridge is not visible because it is included inside the union. The union is shaped like the letter V.



15. There is no included bark in this union. The branch bark ridge is clearly visible in the union as a raised area of bark tissue.



16. There is no included bark in this union. The branch bark ridge is clearly visible in the union as a raised line of bark tissue. The union is more or less shaped like the letter U.

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GRADING PALMS

INTRODUCTION

Florida Grades and Standards for Palms is constructed to measure only the health of palms at the time of delivery. Palm health is measured by an examination of the leaves, trunk and root ball.

These health characteristics are defined in a format used in calculating the grade of a palm. Form and dimensional characteristics are preferential criteria and are not used in the grading process. Therefore, palm grading is a process using this document, and palm specifying is a separate process left to the design professional. This document contains two glossaries of terms: one for palm grading and one for palm specifying. The glossary used by specifiers is included in the Processes for Specifying Palms.

This practical approach allows contractors, municipalities, inspectors and others charged with grading palms, to grade objectively using quantifiable benchmarks to identify quality-grown palms with health characteristics that have the best chance of transplant success.

The initial grade of the palm is assigned at the time of delivery. Although design specifications may require palms be maintained at a particular grade for a period of time, that requirement is outside the scope of this document.

GLOSSARY OF PALM GRADING TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are presented for use in the grading process.

Chlorosis: The loss of chlorophyll from leaves resulting in light green, yellow, orange, or white tissue. The presence of chlorosis denotes a nutrient deficiency, a physiological problem or the presence of a disease.



Chlorosis

Clustering palms: Palms that naturally have more than one trunk.

Container Grown Palm: Palms grown in container allowing transplanting without cutting roots. The roots must be completely contained within the container.

Depression: Mechanically produced indentation into the pseudobark that can indicate damage to underlying vascular tissue.

Excellent leaf: A fully emerged leaf (all leaflets are fully expanded) with a strong petiole with less than 1% of the area showing chlorosis, necrosis, nutrient deficiencies, leaf spots, pests or insect damage, or physical damage.



Extreme succulence

Extreme succulence: Soft, tender, elongated, weak petioles caused by over-fertilization, over-irrigation or over-crowding in the nursery. The palm may not survive when transplanted. Typically identified by weak elongated petioles.

Field Grown Palm: Palms grown and harvested from the ground by cutting the roots.

Good leaf: A fully emerged leaf (all leaflets are fully expanded) with a strong petiole with 1% to 10% of the area showing chlorosis, necrosis, nutrient deficiencies, leaf spots, pests or insect damage, or physical damage.

Grade: A designation of palm health assigned at the time of delivery using this document to evaluate the palm. One of three grades is possible: Florida Fancy, Florida No. 1 or Florida No. 2.

Leaf count: The number of fully emerged (all leaflets are fully expanded) good or excellent leaves counted during the grading process.

GLOSSARY OF PALM GRADING TERMINOLOGY

Necrosis: Desiccated plant tissue typically but not necessarily brown, tan or gray in color.

Primary Trunk: Trunks $\frac{3}{4}$ or greater the height of the tallest clear trunk in clustering palms and single trunk palms intentionally grown with more than one trunk.

Pseudobark: Outer non-vascular portion of the trunk. Pseudobark damage can be unsightly but can also indicate damage to underlying vascular tissue.

Pup scars: Scars near the base of the trunk in clonally produced palms (palms propagated by division or propagated from offshoot removal; e.g., *Phoenix dactylifera*) that are the result of offshoot or pup removal. These scars present no health risk to the palm.

Re-grade: An official re-grade is conducted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry. The request must be submitted to the Chief Plant Inspector, Division of Plant Industry within 30 days following delivery.

Root ball measurement: Measurement from the lowest part of the trunk exclusive of exposed roots or persistent leaf bases perpendicular out to the edge of the root ball for field grown palms. Gradable palms in containers are not subject to root ball measurements.

Tipped Leaf: A specified procedure of shortening the leaves by cutting the leaf tips. Tipped leaves are not gradable therefore this must occur after the grading process.

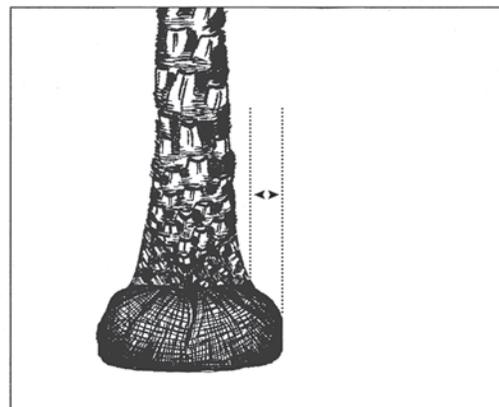
Trunk tapering: The tapering or reduction in diameter with increasing trunk height.

Vascular tissue: Water and carbohydrate conducting plant tissue that is covered by the outer non-vascular pseudobark.

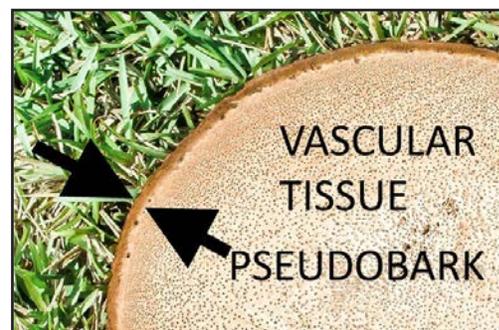
Vertical fissures: Naturally occurring vertical expansion cracks. These present no health risk to the palm when less than one-inch deep.



Pup scars



Root ball measurement



Trunk taper

REQUIREMENTS FOR LEAF COUNT AND ROOT BALL MEASUREMENT

Each of the palm species in Table 1 has been assigned a minimum leaf count of good or excellent leaves and root ball measurement to qualify as gradable. Note that minimum leaf counts are to establish a root-to-shoot ratio for transplant success, and are not necessarily the recommended leaf counts for established palms.

Species not listed in Table 1 are graded using the downgrading and eliminating factors other than the minimum leaf count and root ball measurement. For clustering palms and single trunked palms intentionally grown with more than one trunk, each primary trunk is graded as a single trunk palm. The final grade of the palm is the lowest grade applied to the primary trunks.

Use the grading forms to evaluate eliminating and downgrading factors.

**Table 1. Palms Commonly Used in Florida
(Revised November 2016)**

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	MINIMUM LEAF COUNT ⁽¹⁾			MINIMUM ROOT BALL MEASUREMENT ⁽²⁾ IN INCHES BASED ON OVERALL HEIGHT (OA)		
		FL FANCY Excellent Leaves	FL No. 1 Good or Excellent Leaves	FL No. 2 Good or Excellent Leaves	## ft or less = ## inches	More than ## ft and less than ## ft = ## inches	More than ## ft = ## inches
<i>Acoelorrhaphe wrightii</i>	Paurotis Palm	6	5	4	4 at any OA		
<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	Christmas Palm	6	5	4	6 at any OA		
<i>Archontophoenix alexandrae</i>	Alexandra Palm	5	4	3	6 at any OA		
<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Piccabeen Palm	5	4	3	6 at any OA		
<i>Arenga engleri</i>	Dwarf Sugar Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Arenga tremula</i>	Dwarf Sugar Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Bismarckia nobilis</i>	Bismarck Palm	6	5	4	≤8 FT=6	>8FT ≤ 18 FT=9	>18 FT=12
<i>Butia odorata (formerly B. capitata)</i>	Pindo Palm	12	10	7	≤14 FT=6		>14 FT=9
<i>Butiagrus nabonnandii</i>	Mule Palm	15	12	9	≤15 FT=6		>15 FT=9
<i>Carpentaria acuminata</i>	Carpentaria Palm	6	5	4	6 at any OA		
<i>Caryota mitis</i>	Clustering Fishtail Palm	6	5	4	4 at any OA		
<i>Chamaedorea cataractarum</i>	Cat Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Chamaedorea erumpens</i>	Bamboo Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Chamaedorea microspadix</i>	Hardy Bamboo Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Chamaedorea seifrizii</i>	Reed Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	European Fan Palm	20	16	12	6 at any OA		
<i>Chambeyronia macrocarpa</i>	Red Feather Palm	6	5	4	4 at any OA		
<i>Coccothrinax spp. (incl. C. alta, argentata, C. crinita, C. miraguama)</i>	Silver Palm	8	6	5	≤12 FT=6		>12 FT=9
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	Coconut Palm	6	5	4	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Copernicia alba</i>	Caranday Palm	30	24	18	≤15 FT=6		>15 FT=9
<i>Copernicia prunifera</i>	Carnauba Palm	25	20	15	6 at any OA		
<i>Dictyosperma album</i>	Princess Palm	9	7	6	6 at any OA		
<i>Dypsis cabadae</i>	Cabada Palm	4	3	2	4 at any OA		

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Leaf Count Definition in the Grading Glossary
⁽²⁾ Refer to Root Ball Measurement Definition in the Grading Glossary
⁽³⁾ Exempt from abrupt tapering grading factors

<i>Dypsis decaryii</i>	Triangle Palm	10	7	5	≤15 FT=6		>15 FT=9
<i>Dypsis lastelliana</i>	Teddy Bear Palm	8	6	5	6 at any OA		
<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	Areca Palm	6	5	4	4 at any OA		
<i>Heterospathe elata</i>	Sagisi Palm	6	5	4	6 at any OA		
<i>Hyophorbe lagenicaulis</i> ⁽³⁾	Bottle Palm	4	3	2	6 at any OA		
<i>Hyophorbe verschafeltii</i>	Spindle Palm	4	3	2	6 at any OA		
<i>Latania loddigesii</i>	Blue Latan Palm	6	5	4	6 at any OA		
<i>Latania lontaroides</i>	Red Latan Palm	6	5	4	6 at any OA		
<i>Leucothrinax morrisii</i>	Key Thatch Palm	8	6	5	6 at any OA		
<i>Livistona australis</i>	Australian Fan Palm	10	8	6	≤15 FT=6		>15 FT=9
<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Chinese Fan Palm	10	8	6	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Livistona decora</i> (formerly <i>L. decipiens</i>)	Ribbon Palm	25	20	15	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Livistona nitida</i>	Carnavon Gorge	20	16	12	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Livistona saribus</i>	Taraw Palm	20	16	12	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	15	12	9	≤12 FT=6	>12 FT ≤ 20 FT=9	>20 FT=12
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> (Medjool)	Date Palm	29	23	17	≤26 FT=6	>26 FT ≤ 39 FT=9	>39 FT=12
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> (Zahidi)	Date Palm	29	23	17	≤26 FT=6	>26 FT ≤ 39 FT=9	>39 FT=12
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> (Deglet Noor)	Date Palm	25	20	15	≤26 FT=6	>26 FT ≤ 39 FT=9	>39 FT=12
<i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Senegal Date Palm	15	12	9	≤20 FT=6	>12 FT ≤ 20 FT=9	>20 FT=9
<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	Pygmy Date Palm	25	20	15	6 at any OA		
<i>Phoenix sylvestris</i>	Wild Date Palm	40	32	24	≤15 FT=6	>15 FT ≤ 25 FT=9	>25 FT=12
<i>Pseudophoenix sargentii</i>	Buccaneer Palm	8	6	5	6 at any OA		
<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	Solitaire Palm	5	4	3	6 at any OA		
<i>Ptychosperma macarthurii</i>	Macarthur Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	Lady Palm	7	6	4	4 at any OA		
<i>Rhapis multifida</i>	Finger Palm	5	4	3	4 at any OA		
<i>Roystonea regia</i>	Royal Palm	6	5	4	≤20 FT=6	>20 FT ≤ 30FT=9	>30 FT=12
<i>Sabal</i> sp.	Cabbage Palm (Regenerated)	4	3	2	3 at any OA		
<i>Sabal</i> sp.	Cabbage Palm (Cropped)	0	0	0	3 at any OA		
<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	Queen Palm	8	6	5	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Thrinax radiata</i>	Florida Thatch Palm	8	6	5	6 at any OA		
<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	Windmill Palm	12	10	7	6 at any OA		
<i>Veitchia arecina</i> (formerly <i>V. montgomeryana</i>)	Montgomery Palm	5	4	3	≤20 FT=9		>20 FT=12
<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexican Fan Palm	8	6	5	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9
<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	Foxtail Palm	8	6	5	≤20 FT=6		>20 FT=9

* Refer to Leaf Count Definition in the Grading Glossary
 ** Refer to Root Ball Measurement Definition in the Grading Glossary
 *** Exempt from abrupt tapering grading factors

PALM GRADING STEPS

Following are the steps to complete the Palm Grading Form:

- Step 1.** Examine the palm using the list of eliminating factors on the Palm Grading Forms. If there are no eliminating factors, proceed to Step 2.
- Step 2.** Refer to Table 1 and note the minimum leaf count and root ball measurement for the species being graded.
- Step 3.** Examine the palm against the list of downgrading factors on the Palm Grading Forms.

PALM GRADING FORM

Palm # _____

Species: _____

GRADES

Florida Fancy: A palm with no eliminating or downgrading factors, meeting the requirements shown in Table 1 with 100% excellent leaves. One 'YES' response to the downgrading factors listed above renders the palm a Florida No. 1.

Florida No. 1: A palm with no eliminating factors, meeting the requirements shown in Table 1. One 'YES' response to the downgrading factors listed above renders the palm a Florida No. 2.

Florida No. 2: A palm with no eliminating factors, meeting the requirements shown in Table 1. One 'YES' response to the downgrading factors listed above renders the palm not gradable.

Step 1. Eliminating factors are severe problems that decrease the palm's chance for survival in the new site. Any one of these factors eliminates the palm from Grades and Standards consideration. The palm is termed "Not Gradable," regardless of other attributes.

Answer 'YES' if true

- a) Evidence of palm weevils or symptoms of lethal diseases such as Fusarium wilt, phytoplasma diseases, Ganoderma butt rot, Thielaviopsis trunk rot or Phytophthora bud rot. a) _____
- b) Wood boring insect damage. b) _____
- c) Exposure of or damage to vascular tissue.* c) _____
- d) Trunk taper within the top foot of the woody trunk reducing the diameter by more than 20%. d) _____
- e) Root ball vertical surface has less than 50% covered by visible roots, excluding top six inches. (For Regenerated Sabal only) e) _____
- f) Extreme succulence. f) _____
- g) Naturally occurring vertical fissures exceeding one inch in depth. g) _____
- h) Pseudobark damage totaling more than 20 square inches.** h) _____
- i) Failure to meet the minimum requirements for root ball measurement or Florida No. 2 leaf count in Table 1. i) _____

One or more 'YES' responses to the eliminating factors listed above, renders the palm not gradable.

Step 2. Initial grade established by Table 1: _____

Step 3. Downgrading Factors

Answer 'YES' if true

- a) Pseudobark damage between 5 and 10 square inches. Enter one 'YES' for each occurrence.** a) _____
- b) Pseudobark damage between 10 and 20 square inches. This is in addition to the previous pseudobark damage downgrade.** b) _____
- c) Trunk taper within the top foot of the woody trunk between 5% and 10%. c) _____
- d) Trunk taper within the top foot of the woody trunk between 11% and 15%. This is in addition to the previous trunk taper downgrade. d) _____

* Excluding pup scars in clonally produced palms, pesticide injection sites and naturally occurring vertical fissures less than one-inch in depth.

** Excluding naturally occurring vertical fissures less than one-inch in depth and pesticide injection sites

Final Grade: _____

PROCESSES FOR SPECIFYING PALMS

Florida Grades and Standards for Palms is constructed to measure only the health of palms at the time of delivery. Design professionals seeking specific palm form and dimensional characteristics must include these requirements in the contract documents, along with details and other installation, establishment and warranty requirements. The terms defined in the Glossary of Palm Grading and Palm Specifying are used in the Florida Grades and Standards for Palms as the prescribed language for specifying palms. Some specifications to consider are listed below:

Trunk Measurements

- Caliper at specified heights
- Clear Trunk
- Clear Wood
- Terminus Height

Trunk Characteristics

- Curved Trunk or straight trunk or multi trunk
- Type of Leaf Base Trimming
- Pseudobark Appearance

Leaves

- Cropped Palm
- Canopy Spread
- Leaf Tipping (after grading)
- Leaf counts of those species not listed in Table 1

Other

- Overall Height
- Rootball measurements of those species not listed in Table 1
- Certifications
- Vertical clearance

GLOSSARY OF PALM SPECIFYING TERMINOLOGY

Abrupt constriction: A point along the trunk having a reduction in diameter greater than 10% than the diameter within 1 foot above and/or below, typically indicating a period of stress occurred in the past.

Boot: The leaf base or enlarged basal portion of the petiole remaining affixed to the trunk after the leaf has died and been broken or cut off.

Booted: Used to specify palms with leaf bases still attached to the trunk.

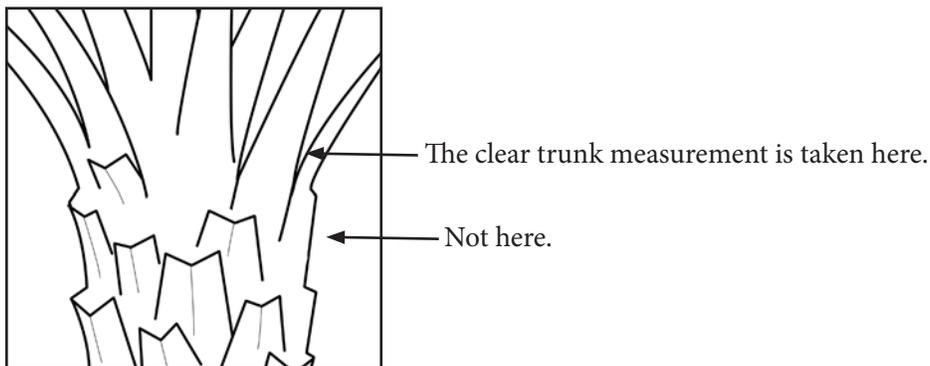
Caliper: The diameter of a palm's trunk. The height that this diameter is measured must be specified.

Canopy spread: A measurement taken from leaf tip to leaf tip, in their natural state, at the widest point.

Character palms, Curved palms: Used to specify unusual trunk shapes.

Clean trunk: See "Leaf base trimming (Clean cut photo)."

Clear trunk: A measurement from the top of the root ball to the point where the lowest untrimmed leaf's petiole diverges from the trunk. The remaining leaf counts must meet the minimum requirements for the chosen grade - See leaf counts in Table 1 for FL Fancy, FL No. 1 and FL No. 2. Reducing the leaf count to achieve more clear trunk can result in a lower grade.



Clear wood, Gray Wood: A measurement from the top of rootball to the highest point on the trunk free of persistent leaf bases. On palms with a crownshaft, the measurement is from the top of rootball to the base of the crownshaft. Palms with very persistent leaf bases may not have clear wood.

Cropped palms: Palms with all leaves removed before transplanting. Typically performed on field harvested Sabal species. Previously known as Hurricane Cut.

Crownshaft: A conspicuous neck-like structure formed by tubular leaf bases on some pinnate-leaved palms.

Debooted: See "Clean trunk" definition.

Frond: A common term used to describe a palm leaf.

Gray wood: See "Clear wood" definition.

Hurricane cut: See "Cropped palms" definition.

Leaf base: The basal portion of a leaf that is attached to the trunk.

GLOSSARY OF SPECIFYING TERMINOLOGY

Leaf base trimming: A process of cutting leaf bases to achieve a particular appearance, typically performed by the grower. There are several types of trimming cuts that may be specified including classic, clean, diamond and shelf.



Classic cut



Clean cut



Diamond cut



Shelf cut

Leaf length: The distance along the petiole from the point where the petiole diverges from the trunk to the leaf's tip.

Main trunk: For clustering palms and single trunk palms intentionally grown with more than one trunk the tallest trunk in the cluster is considered the main trunk.

Multi-trunk: A term used to specify multiple single trunked palms grown together.

Overall height: The highest point in the canopy measured from the top of rootball to the natural position of the last fully emerged (all leaflets are fully expanded) leaf.

Regenerated palms: Field-grown or collected palms that have some type of containment placed around the root ball. The palm is maintained until the minimum number of good or excellent leaves are present. A substantial number of new root tips are visible on the outside of the root ball. This process takes several months or more and can improve transplant success.



Regenerated palms



Regenerated root ball

Slick trunk: Trunk with leaf bases mechanically removed often causing damage to the pseudobark and exposing vascular tissue. This practice is not recommended.

Sloughing: The natural degradation and dropping of leaf bases. This is not detrimental to the palm's health.

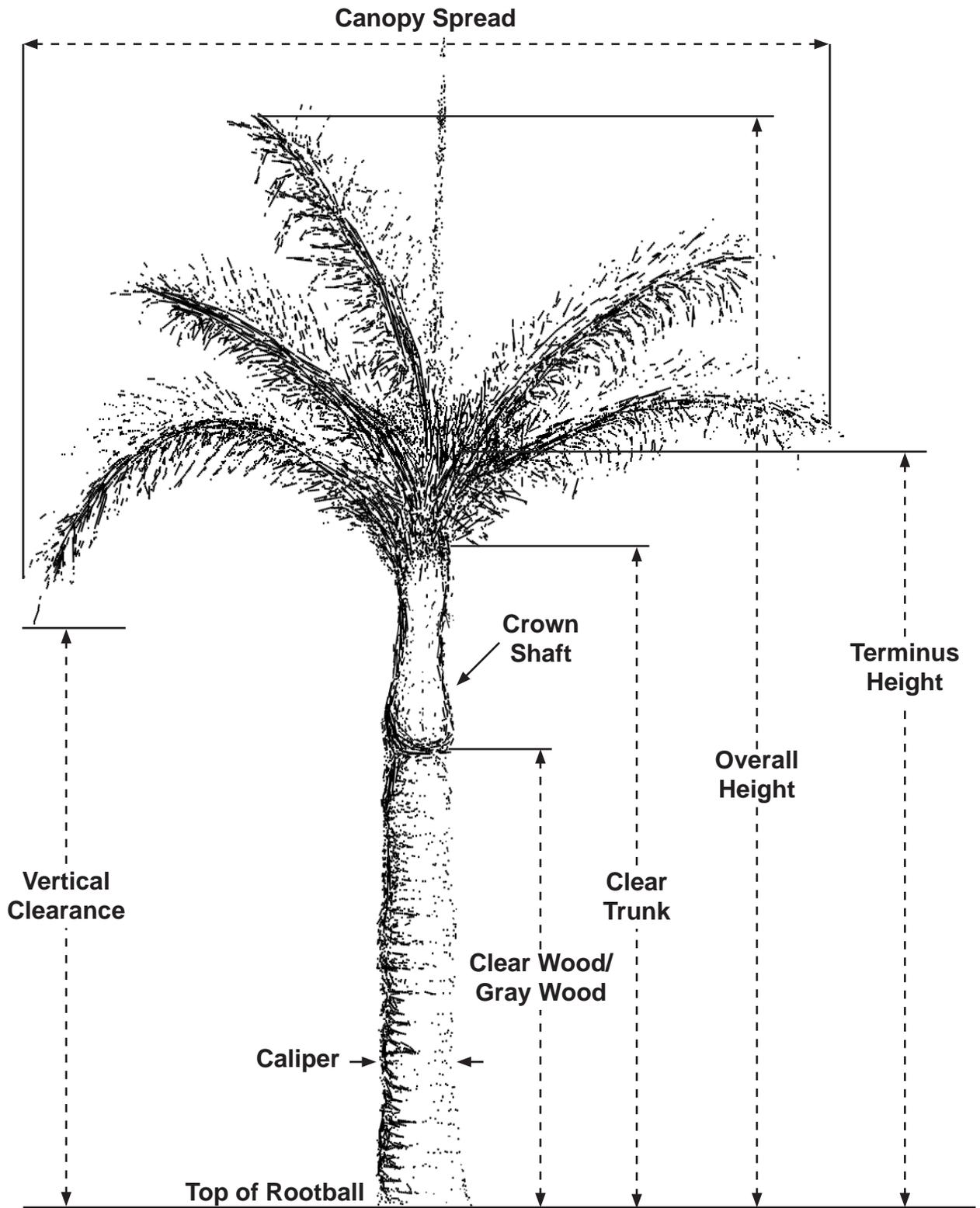
Suckers: Small shoots emerging from the base of main trunks in clustering palms.

Terminus height: Measurement from the top of rootball to the point of emergence of the spear leaf. This is a practical measurement method for cropped palms.

Vertical clearance: A measurement from the top of rootball to the lowest leaf. Pruning may be required to achieve clearance for pedestrians, vehicles, signs, etc. If minimum leaf counts are maintained, grading is not affected.

PALM SPECIFYING TERMS ILLUSTRATION

Specifications regarding form and dimensional characteristics (other than grading factors) are the responsibility of design professionals. The following illustrates terms that provide a common language for describing parts and measurements of palms.



TRANSPLANTING PALMS - SABAL SPECIES

Sabal palms (*Sabal palmetto*) are the most widely planted palms in the southeastern United States. Virtually all are mature specimens harvested from natural stands because their slow growth rate makes nursery production uneconomical. Recognizing that sabal palms are harvested from the wild, they have been separated from the other palms in this document and are addressed in this section. **Note that some of the conditions applied to sabal palms as eliminating factors in previous editions are modified in this edition.**

Sabal palms grow naturally in many diverse habitats including swamps, pine flatlands and fire climax ecosystems, and are adaptable to a wide range of landscape environments. They are recognized as a renewable but finite natural resource. In the past, many sabal palms that were otherwise healthy, but had certain downgrading factors such as superficial fire damage, were not collected because they were considered not gradable. This document no longer considers superficial fire damage or superficial methods to remove charred areas as eliminating factors.

It is also important to consider the methods used to harvest sabal palms. Sabal palms are usually harvested using heavy equipment which may cause trunk damage. However, if this damage occurs in pseudobark trunk tissue, it is unlikely to be an entry point for insects and disease and does not compromise the structural integrity of the palm.

Historically, survival rates for transplanted sabal palms were often low. In sabal palms no cut roots survive; however, roots are continually produced from the root initiation zone. In the late 1980s, studies showed that the removal of all leaves (cropping) increased the survival rate of transplanted sabal palms by 30%. Since that time, the standard procedure for transplanting collected sabal palms is to remove all leaves during harvesting operations. Postharvest care greatly affects the survivability of all palms. If the root ball desiccates, newly formed adventitious roots may die.

Inadequate watering may lead to decline and eventual death of the palm. It may also predispose the palm to insect infestation and disease.

Excessive removal of leaf bases is another factor that may affect survivability of transplanted sabal palms and should be avoided. Removal of leaf bases may lead to the desiccation of the palm. This may also increase the likelihood of the introduction of trunk rotting fungi like *Thielaviopsis*. *Thielaviopsis* has become one of the major factors in the death of transplanted sabal palms, resulting in losses of up to 90%. In addition, excessive removal of leaf bases may also predispose the palm to insect infestations such as palm weevils.

Recent postharvest production methods include the concept of regeneration. Regeneration is the establishment of a new root system and leaves. This is accomplished by wrapping the root ball of a freshly harvested sabal palm with multiple layers of plastic sufficient to contain the emerging roots, or placing the freshly harvested palm into a container. The palm is held for a sufficient amount of time to establish a new root system and leaves.

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Thielaviopsis Trunk Rot of Palm <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp143>

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Palmetto weevil, *Rhynchophorus cruentatus* Fabricius (Insecta: Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

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Royal Palm Bug, *Xylastodoris luteolus* Barber (Insecta: Hemiptera: Thaumastocoridae)

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in254>

Silky Cane Weevil, *Metamasius hemipterus sericeus* (Olivier) (Insecta: Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in210>

SHRUBS

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GRADING SHRUBS

GENERAL DOWNGRADING FACTORS

The versatility of shrubs lends them to be a valuable asset in the landscape. They provide ornamental characteristics such as form, color, texture, height and spread. The shrubs quality is based on the health and vigor of the plant, as well as its shape for its intended Type. Because of this versatility, grading is given a broad scope. For this document there are seven grading Types: Broad-Spreading, Semi-Broad Spreading, Spreading, Globose, Upright Spreading, Upright, and Columnar.

The following is a list of defects which offers a quick reference to plant grade criteria. All are to be avoided, if possible.

Some of these factors may make a plant ineligible for Florida Fancy, Florida No. 1 or Florida No. 2 grades. If a plant has one of these faults, it does not necessarily mean that the plant would be prohibited from being placed in a higher grade later as many of them can be corrected with good cultural maintenance.

Any plant shall be placed in the next lowest grade if one or more of these downgrading criteria are met.

It should be noted that due to the size, shape and age of the plant, plants which may not meet the Type designation at the time of grading may be eligible after the next growing season.

1. **Lack of Health and Vigor or Excessive Succulence.**
2. **Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:**
 - a. Weak or poorly formed.
 - b. Excessive scarring, scars not healing properly, or poor pruning cuts showing excessive protrusion.
 - c. Poor graft unions not healing properly or rough cut.
 - d. Branches poorly distributed forming an undesirable plant.
 - e. Severe creasing, cracks, cambium peeling, cavities, holes or dead wood.
 - f. Cold damage.
3. **Foliage:**
 - a. Leaves of improper shape, size, texture and color.
 - b. Excessive chlorosis, pests or disease evidence, or mechanical injury.
4. **Root System:**
 - a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Not established in container.
 - (2) Excessively rootbound.
 - (3) Large roots growing out of container.
 - (4) Noxious weeds in container.
 - b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B&B)
 - (1) Loosely established in ball.
 - (2) Ball soft or loosely tied.
 - (3) Ball too small or shallow.
 - (4) Noxious weeds growing around trunk.
 - c. Bare-rootstock.
 - (1) Roots lacking in health or vigor.
 - (2) Few main lateral roots, poorly distributed, or too few feeder roots.
 - (3) Ragged digging cuts, broken or split roots.
 - (4) Roots damaged by exposure to light, air, temperature or too much water.

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD FOR CONTAINER AND B&B PLANTS

	Florida Fancy	Florida No. 1	Florida No. 2
Type BS - Broad Spreading	3 x total height	2¾ x total height	2½ x total height
Type SBS - Semi-Broad Spreading	2¼ x total height	2 x total height	1¾ x total height
Type S - Spreading	1½ x total height	Equal total height	¾ of total height
Type G - Globose	Equal total height	¾ of total height	½ of total height
Type US - Upright Spreading	¾ of total height	½ of total height	½ of total height
Type U - Upright	½ of total height	½ of total height	¼ of total height
Type C - Columnar	½ of total height	¼ of total height	¼ of total height

GENERAL GRADE STANDARDS FOR SHRUBS

Florida Fancy

An exceptionally healthy and vigorous plant which is very well shaped, heavily branched and densely foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:
 - a. Well formed and sturdy.
 - b. Branching plentiful and uniformly distributed to form a well-balanced plant.
 - c. Scars free of rot and do not exceed in greatest dimension ¼ the diameter of the wood beneath unless completely healed (except pruning scars).
 - d. Pruning scars clean cut leaving little or no protrusion from the trunk or branch.
 - e. Graft union completely healed.
 - f. No mechanical or pest damage.
 - g. No extreme succulence.
2. Foliage:
 - a. Densely supplied with healthy, vigorous leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture (except shrubs moved bare-root or deciduous shrubs when dormant).
 - b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas caused by broken or dead branches or insufficient foliage.

- c. No chlorosis.
- d. Pest or mechanical damage barely perceptible with no more than 5% of total foliage affected.
- e. No frost or cold damage discernible.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
 - (3) No large roots growing out of container.
 - (4) No noxious weeds in container.
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B&B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
 - (2) Plants must have been previously root pruned and/or contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.
- c. Bare-rootstock.
 - (1) Roots healthy and vigorous, characterized by good color and succulence.
 - (2) Well supplied with main lateral roots, uniformly distributed around crown or taproot.

- (3) Well supplied throughout with fibrous (feeder) roots.
- (4) Insect lesions and other mechanical injury well calloused and not to exceed in greatest dimension ¼ the diameter of the root beneath unless completely healed.
- (5) Ragged digging cuts pruned clean.
- (6) Root systems shall be kept moist, out of direct sunlight and drying breezes at all times.
- (7) Root system shall have a spread and depth equal to minimum ball size when rootpruned prior to digging, or ½ greater than minimum ball size if not root pruned.

- (3) No large roots growing out of container.
- (4) No noxious weeds
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B&B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
 - (2) Plants must have been previously root pruned and/or contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.
 - (4) No noxious weeds
- c. Bare-rootstock.
 - (1) Roots healthy and vigorous, characterized by very good color and succulence.
 - (2) Well supplied with main lateral roots, uniformly distributed around crown or taproot.
 - (3) Well supplied throughout with fibrous (feeder) roots.
 - (4) Insect lesions and other mechanical injury well calloused and not to exceed in greatest dimension ¼ the diameter of the root beneath unless completely healed.
 - (5) Ragged digging cuts pruned clean.
 - (6) Root systems shall be kept moist, out of direct sunlight and drying breezes at all times.
 - (7) Root systems shall have a spread and depth equal to minimum ball size when root pruned prior to digging, or 1/3 greater than minimum ball size if not root-pruned.

Florida No.1

A healthy, vigorous plant which is well-shaped, well-branched and well-foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:

- a. Well formed and sturdy.
- b. Good branching, uniformly distributed to form a well-balanced plant.
- c. Scars free of rot and do not exceed in greatest dimension the diameter of the wood beneath unless clean and healed 75% or better (except pruning scars).
- d. Pruning scars clean cut leaving little or no protrusion from trunk or branch.
- e. Graft union healed 75% or better.
- f. No extreme succulence.

2. Foliage:

- a. Well supplied with leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture (except shrubs moved bare-root or deciduous shrubs when dormant).
- b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas caused by broken or dead foliage.
- c. Maximum chlorosis very slight and not more than 10% of total foliage.
- d. Pest or mechanical damage confined to no more than 10% of total foliage.
- e. Frost or cold damage confined to no more than a slight tip burn on the leaves covering 10% or less of the surface area.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.

Florida No. 2

A healthy, vigorous plant which is fairly well shaped, with fair branching and fair foliage (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunks(s) and Branches:

- a. Fairly well formed and sturdy.
- b. Scars free of rot and do not exceed in greatest dimension twice the diameter of the wood beneath unless clean and healed 75% or better (except pruning scars).
- c. Pruning scars clean cut.
- d. Graft union healed 50% or better.

2. Foliage:

- a. Fairly well supplied with leaves of good size, shape, color and texture (except shrubs moved bare-root or deciduous shrubs when dormant).
- b. Maximum chlorosis 25% of total foliage.
- c. Pest or mechanical injury shall not exceed approximately 25% of individual leaves nor

- d. Frost or cold damage confined to foliage on branch tips, no more than 20% of length of branches, nor affecting more than 25% of the surface area.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
 - (3) No large roots growing out of container.
 - (4) No noxious weeds
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B & B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
 - (2) Plants must have been previously root pruned and/or contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.
 - (4) No noxious weeds
- c. Bare-rootstock.
 - (1) Roots healthy and vigorous, characterized by very good color and succulence.
 - (2) Well supplied with main lateral roots, uniformly distributed around crown or taproot.
 - (3) Well supplied throughout with fibrous (feeder) roots.
 - (4) Insect lesions and other mechanical injury well calloused and not to exceed in greatest dimension $\frac{1}{4}$ the diameter of the root beneath unless completely healed.
 - (5) Ragged digging cuts pruned clean.
 - (6) Root systems shall be kept moist, out of direct sunlight and drying breezes at all times.
 - (7) Root system shall have a spread and depth equal to minimum ball size when root pruned prior to digging, or $\frac{1}{3}$ greater than minimum ball size if not root-pruned.

MINIMUM BALL SIZES

Minimum Ball Diameter

TYPES BS, SBS & S		TYPES G & US		TYPES U & C	
SPREAD	MINIMUM BALL DIAMETER	SPREAD	MINIMUM BALL DIAMETER	SPREAD	MINIMUM BALL DIAMETER
1 - 1½'	9"	12 - 15"	9"	1½ - 2'	11"
1½ - 2'	11"	15 - 18"	10"	2 - 3'	12"
2 - 2½'	13"	18 - 24"	11"	3 - 4'	13"
2½ - 3'	15"	2 - 2½'	12"	4 - 5'	14"
3 - 3½'	16"	2½ - 3'	13"	5 - 6'	16"
3½ - 4'	18"	3 - 4'	15"	6 - 7'	18"
4 - 5'	21"	4 - 5'	17"	7 - 8'	20"
5 - 6'	24"	5 - 6'	19"	8 - 9'	22"
		6 - 7'	21"	9 - 10'	24"
		7 - 8'	24"		

Larger sizes increase proportionately.

Minimum Ball Depth

Balls with diameter less than 20" — Depth not less than 75% of ball diameter.
 Balls with diameters of 20" to 30" — Depth not less than 66 % of ball diameter.
 Balls with diameters of 30" to 48" — Depth not less than 60% of ball diameter.

Percentage of depth of larger balls will scale down proportionately.

TYPE BS — BROAD SPREADING

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY 3 x total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 2¾ total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 2½ total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
3"	9"	8"	7"	1 GAL.
5"	15"	14"	12"	2 GAL.
7"	21"	19"	18"	3 GAL.
9"	27"	25"	22"	4 GAL.
12"	36"	33"	30"	7 GAL.
15"	45"	41"	37"	10 GAL.
18" +	3 x total height	2¾ x total height	2½ x total height	15 GAL. +



TYPE BS — BROAD SPREADING



Florida Fancy: emerald blanket natal-plum



Florida Fancy: dwarf or compact shore juniper



Florida No. 1: emerald blanket natal-plum



Florida No. 1: dwarf or compact shore juniper



Florida No. 2: emerald blanket natal-plum

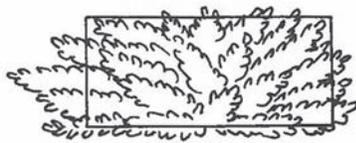


Florida No. 2: dwarf or compact shore juniper

TYPE SBS — SEMI-BROAD SPREADING

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY 2¼ x total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 2 x total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 1¾ total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
3"	7"	6"	5"	1 GAL.
5"	11"	10"	9"	2 GAL.
7"	16"	14"	12"	3 GAL.
9"	20"	18"	16"	4 GAL.
12"	27"	24"	21"	7 GAL.
15"	34"	30"	26"	10 GAL.
18" +	2¼ x total height	2 x total height	1¾ x total height	15 GAL. +



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE SBS — SEMI-BROAD SPREADING
Florida Fancy Examples



Mexican-heather



nana holly, dwarf yaupon



Nick's compact juniper



dwarf trailing lantana

TYPE SBS — SEMI-BROAD SPREADING
Florida No. 1 Examples



Mexican-heather



nana holly, dwarf yaupon



Nick's compact juniper



dwarf trailing lantana

TYPE SBS — SEMI-BROAD SPREADING
Florida No. 2 Examples



Mexican-heather



nana holly, dwarf yaupon



Nick's compact juniper

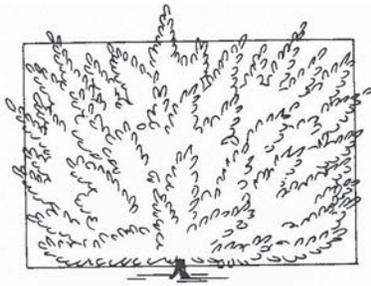


dwarf trailing lantana

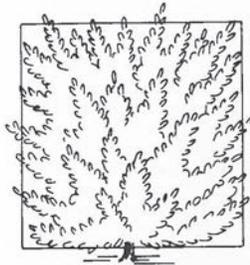
TYPE S - SPREADING

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

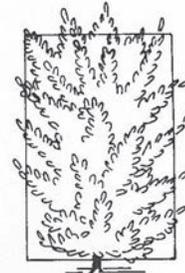
TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY 1½ x total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 Equal total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 ¾ of total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
6"	9"	4"	3"	1 GAL.
9"	13"	9"	6"	1-2 GAL.
12"	18"	12"	8"	2-3 GAL.
15"	22"	15"	10"	3 GAL.
18"	27"	18"	12"	3-4 GAL.
21 "	31 "	21 "	14"	4 GAL.
24"	36"	24"	16"	5-7 GAL.
30"	45"	30"	20"	7-10 GAL.
36" +	1½ x total height	Equal total height	¾ of total height	15 GAL.



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE S — SPREADING
Florida Fancy Examples



bush allamanda



crown-of-thorns



plumbago



Indian-hawthorn

TYPE S — SPREADING
Florida No. 1 Examples



bush allamanda



crown-of-thorns



plumbago



Indian-hawthorn

TYPE S — SPREADING
Florida No. 2 Examples



bush allamanda



crown-of-thorns



plumbago

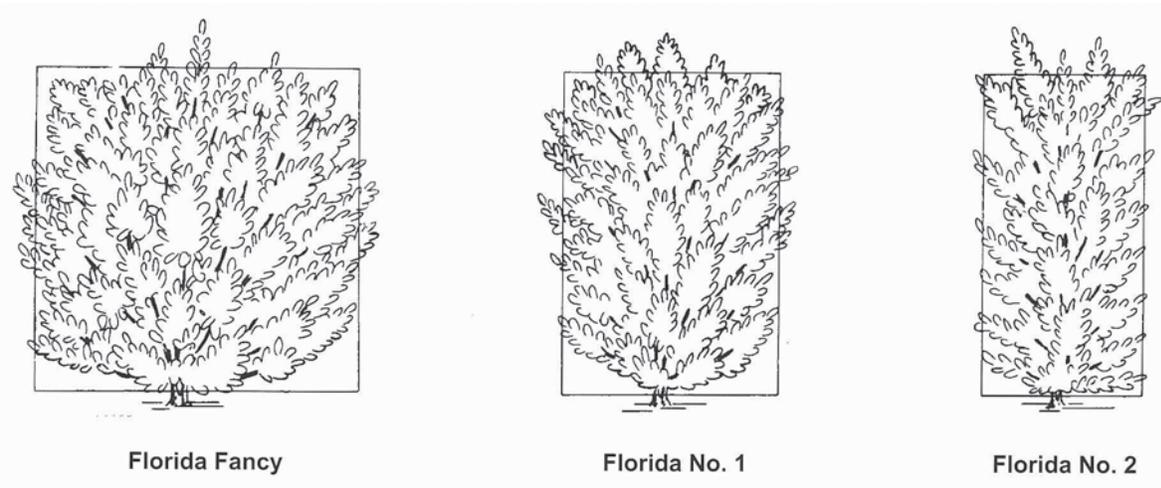


Indian-hawthorn

TYPE G — GLOBOSE

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY Equal total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ of total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
6"	6"	4"	3"	1 GAL.
9"	9"	9"	4"	1-2 GAL.
12"	12"	8"	6"	2-3 GAL.
15"	15"	10"	7"	3 GAL.
18"	18"	12"	9"	3 GAL.
21"	21"	14"	10"	3-4 GAL.
24"	24"	16"	12"	3-7 GAL.
30"	30"	20"	15"	4-7 GAL.
36"+	Equal total height	$\frac{2}{3}$ of total height	$\frac{1}{2}$ of total height	5-15 GAL. +



TYPE G — GLOBOSE
Florida Fancy Examples



pineapple-guava



thryallis or shower-of-gold



dwarf Chinese holly



variegated pittosporum

TYPE G — GLOBOSE
Florida No. 1 Examples



pineapple-guava



thryallis or shower-of-gold



dwarf Chinese holly



variegated pittosporum

TYPE G — GLOBOSE
Florida No. 2 Examples



pineapple-guava



thryallis or shower-of-gold



dwarf Chinese holly

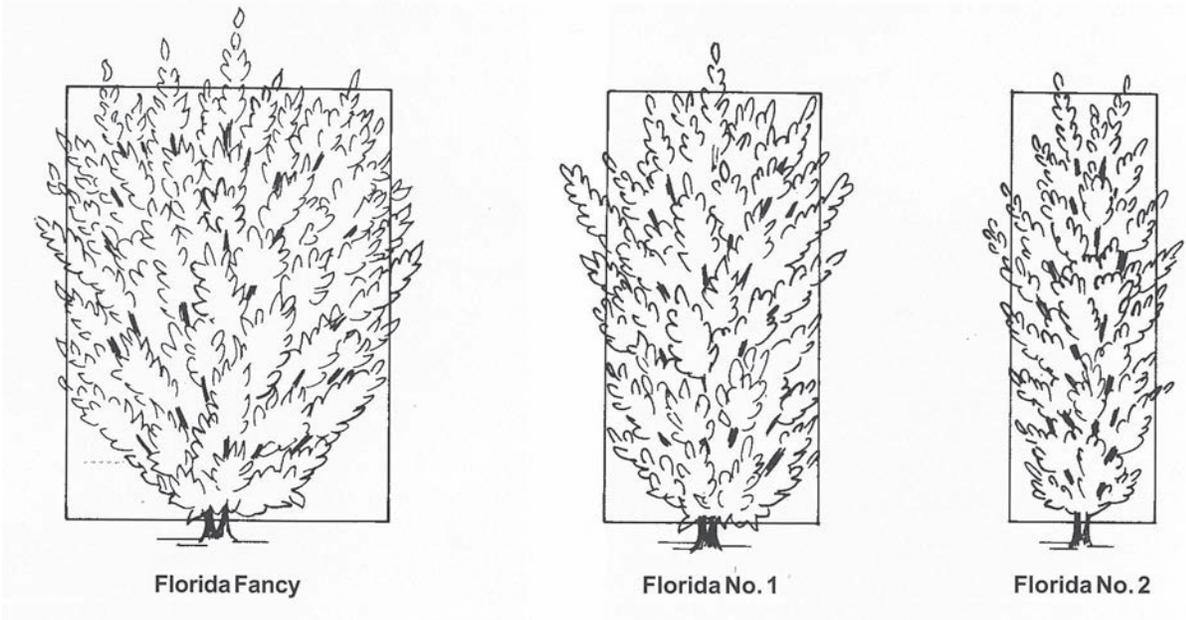


variegated pittosporum

TYPE US — UPRIGHT SPREADING

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY Equal total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ of total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
9"	7"	4"	3"	1 GAL.
12"	9"	6"	4"	1-2 GAL.
15"	11"	7"	5"	2-3 GAL.
18"	14"	9"	6"	3 GAL.
24"	18"	12"	8"	3-4 GAL.
30"	22"	15"	10"	3-7 GAL.
36"	27"	18"	12"	5 GAL. +
48" +	$\frac{3}{4}$ of total height	$\frac{1}{2}$ of total height	$\frac{1}{2}$ of total height	7 GAL. +



TYPE US — UPRIGHT SPREADING
Florida Fancy Examples



boxwood



powderpuff



bougainvillea



cocoplum



sea-grape



oleander

TYPE US — UPRIGHT SPREADING
Florida No. 1 Examples



boxwood



powderpuff



bougainvillea



cocoplum



sea-grape



oleander

TYPE US — UPRIGHT SPREADING
Florida No. 2 Examples



boxwood



powderpuff



bougainvillea



cocoplum



sea-grape

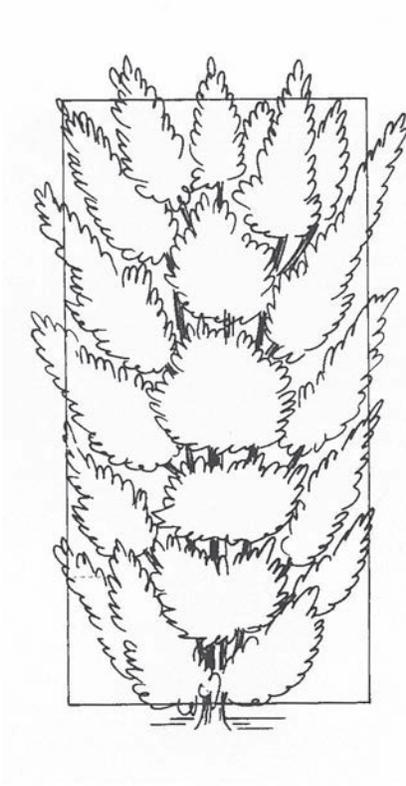


oleander

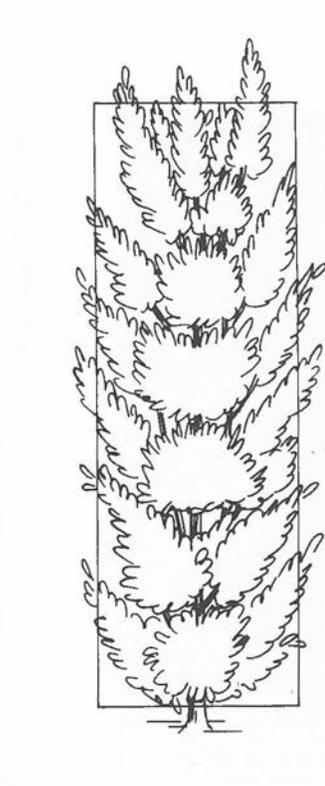
TYPE U — UPRIGHT

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

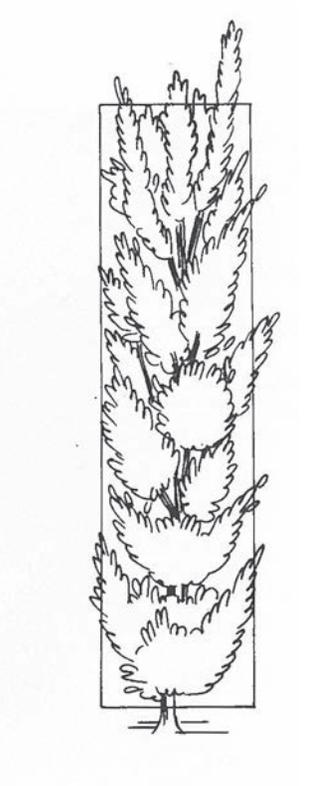
TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY ½ total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 ⅓ of total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 ¼ of total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
9"	4"	3"	2"	1 GAL.
12"	6"	4"	3"	1-2 GAL.
18"	9"	6"	4"	2-3 GAL.
2'	12"	8"	6"	3 GAL.
3'	18"	12"	9"	3-7 GAL.
4' +	½ of total height	⅓ of total height	¼ of total height	5 GAL. +



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE U — UPRIGHT
Florida Fancy Examples



copper-leaf



Ocala anise, yellow anise



Hollywood juniper, twisted juniper

TYPE U — UPRIGHT
Florida No. 1 Examples



copper-leaf



Ocala anise, yellow anise



Hollywood juniper, twisted juniper

TYPE U — UPRIGHT
Florida No. 2 Examples



copper-leaf



Ocala anise, yellow anise

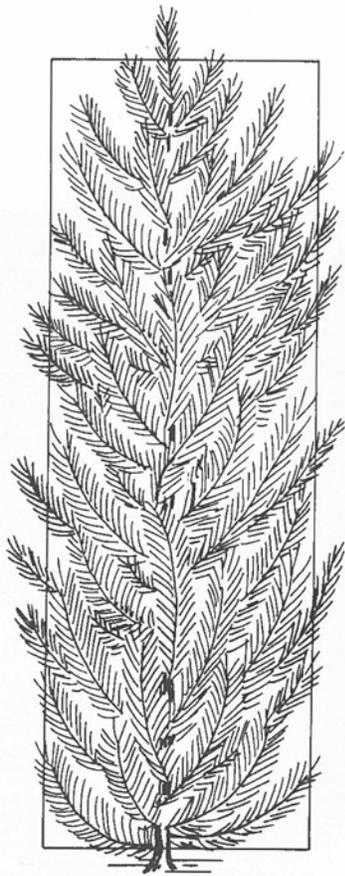


Hollywood juniper, twisted juniper

TYPE C — COLUMNAR

MINIMUM AVERAGE SPREAD

TOTAL HEIGHT	FLORIDA FANCY $\frac{1}{3}$ total height	FLORIDA NO. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ of total height	FLORIDA NO. 2 $\frac{1}{5}$ of total height	APPROX. CONTAINER SIZE
18"	6"	4"	3"	1-2 GAL.
24"	8"	6"	4"	2-3 GAL.
36"	12"	9"	6"	3-4 GAL.
48"	16"	12"	9"	4-5 GAL.
60"	20"	15"	12"	7 GAL.
72' +	$\frac{1}{3}$ of total height	$\frac{1}{4}$ of total height	$\frac{1}{5}$ of total height	10 GAL. +



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE C — COLUMNAR



Florida Fancy

Scientific name: *Podocarpus macrophyllus*
Common name: Podocarpus



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE SG — SPECIAL GRADE

Any plant grown or developed in an unusual manner or form which changes its artistic or aesthetic value may be graded as it would otherwise, except for form, and labeled as a special:

- Florida Fancy Special
- Florida No. 1 Special
- Florida No. 2 Special

This special grade may include:

1. Plants which have been sheared and/or shaped into special or unusual forms.

2. Plants which are unusual in appearance.
3. Espaliered plants.
4. Bonsai (dwarf plant or tree).

This special grade shall not include plants which are normal in shape and form for the variety.



TYPE SG - SPECIAL GRADE

Scientific name: ***Gardenia augusta* (L.) Merrill**
 Common name: **cape-jasmine**
 Synonym: ***G. jasminoides* Ellis**



TYPE SG - SPECIAL GRADE

Scientific name: ***Juniperus chinensis* L.**
'Sylvestris'
 Common name: **Sylvester juniper**



TYPE SG - SPECIAL GRADE

Scientific name: *Syzygium paniculatum*
 Gaertn.
 Common name: brush-cherry
 Synonym: *Eugenia myrtifolia* Sims



TYPE SG - SPECIAL GRADE

Scientific name: *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* L.
 Common name: Chinese hibiscus,
 China-rose hibiscus

TYPE SS — SPECIFIC SPECIFICATIONS

BASAL ROSETTES

Agave, Aloe, Crinum, Yucca; plants that have basal rosettes and are stemless

All species with stiff, heavy or thick and persistent leaves are included in the following grade standard specifications. Illustrated below is an example:

Scientific name: ***Crinum asiaticum* L.**
 Common name: **grand crinum, poison bulb**



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE SS — BASAL ROSETTES

Florida Fancy

1. **Foliage:**
 - a. Twelve or more perfect leaves.
 - b. Leaves beginning at ground level.
 - c. Color, shape and substance indicative of the species.
 2. **Root system:**
 - a. Sturdily established in the container or with sufficient roots for normal growth and vitality, if moved bare-root.
-

Florida No. 1

1. **Foliage:**
 - a. Nine or more perfect leaves. Basal or first two rows may be neatly pruned at base of plant.
 - b. No more than three leaves may show slight blemishes, or well-healed pest or mechanical damage. These leaves must be situated near ground level or on an inconspicuous portion of the plant.
 - c. Color, shape and substance indicative of the species.
 2. **Root system:**
 - a. Sturdily established in the container or with sufficient roots for normal growth and vitality, if moved bare-root.
-

Florida No. 2

1. **Foliage:**
 - a. Six or more good leaves.
 - b. Color, shape and substance indicative of the species.
2. **Root system:**
 - a. Sturdily established in the container or with sufficient roots for normal growth and vitality, if moved bare-root.

TYPE SS — STEMMED ROSETTES

Yucca spp. stemmed or arborescent

Illustrated below an example:

Scientific name: *Yucca aloifolia* L.

Common name: Spanish bayonet

Types of Yucca:

1. Full-foliaged with leaves beginning near ground level.
2. Dead persistent leaves adhering to trunk.
3. Clear trunk with no leaves.

Type desired must be stated in specifications. All types must have a top measured according to grade specifications. Unrooted cuttings must meet all specifications for grade, except root system specifications which will not apply.

Measurement of foliage is from the lowest point where leaves extend perpendicular from trunk, upward to overall height.

If more than one top is desired, multiple tops should be specified.



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE SS — STEMMED ROSETTES

Florida Fancy

1. **Trunk:**
 - a. Sufficiently straight to remain in an upright position.
 - b. Buyer's preference as to type.
 - c. Solid and undamaged
2. **Foliage:**
 - a. Unblemished leaves with length, color, width and substance indicative of the species and variety.
3. **Root System:**
 - a. Sturdily established in the container or ball.

Florida No. 1

1. **Trunk:**
 - a. Sufficiently straight to remain in an upright position.
 - b. Buyer's preference as to type.
 - c. Any pest or mechanical damage must be completely healed and no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep.
2. **Foliage:**
 - a. No more than 25% of the leaves may show blemishes, discoloration, or aging.
 - b. Leafed portion must have a height $\frac{3}{4}$ of the width.
3. **Root System:**
 - a. Sturdily established in the container or ball.

Florida No. 2

1. **Trunk:**
 - a. Buyer's preference as to type.
 - b. Any pest or mechanical damage must be no more than one-inch deep.
2. **Foliage:**
 - a. No more than 50% of the leaves may show blemishes, discoloration or aging.
 - b. Leafed portion must have a height $\frac{1}{2}$ of the width.
3. **Root System:**
 - a. Sturdily established in the container or ball.

TYPE SS — FERNS

Scientific name: ***Cyrtomium falcatum***
(L.f.) Presl
Common name: **Japanese holly fern**



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE SS — FERNS

EXAMPLES: Boston fern, Japanese holly-fern, leather fern and leatherleaf fern

Florida Fancy

1. **Foliage:**
 - a. Minimum of 15 perfect fronds.
 - b. All fronds extending around root stock in a circular pattern.
 - c. Color, shape and substance indicative of the species.
 2. **Root System:**
 - a. Roots firmly established in container.
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Florida No. 1

1. **Foliage:**
 - a. Minimum of 10 perfect fronds.
 - b. All fronds extending around root stock from $\frac{3}{4}$ to a full circular pattern.
 - c. Color, shape and substance indicative of the species.
 2. **Root System:**
 - a. Roots firmly established in container.
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Florida No. 2

1. **Foliage:**
 - a. Minimum of six or more perfect fronds.
 - b. Fronds extending irregularly from root stock or from only $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle.
2. **Root System:**
 - a. Roots firmly established in container.

TYPE G — GLOBOSE AZALEAS

Although azaleas are to be graded under Globose or Type G, many Kurumes and all forcing azaleas will be Spreading or Type S up to certain sizes, if well grown. It is not to be construed that an azalea with a width ratio wider than height be downgraded.

MEASUREMENT

A few varieties are listed to give examples of growth habits.

1. Landscape:

Southern Indian Hybrids

Brilliant	Pride of Mobile
Due de Rohan	Prince of Orange
Formosa	Southern Charm
Normelle White	Violacea Rubra
Red Ruffles	

The following Southern Indicas have a more open growth habit and the foliage compactness is not expected to be as dense as that of those listed above:

President Clay	Mrs. G. G. Gerbing
Elegans	Sublanceolata
Lawsal	George L. Taber

Kurume Hybrids

Coral Bells	Hino-Crimson
Christmas Cheer	Snow
Hexe	

Pericat Hybrids

Gardenia Supreme	Sweetheart
Holiday	Sweetheart Supreme
Madam Pericat	

2. Florists' or Greenhouse Forcing

Kurume Hybrids

Coral Bells	Hexe
Christmas Cheer	Hino-Crimson

Pericat Hybrids

Holiday	Sweetheart Supreme
Pericat Pink	Mrs. Alice W. Mueller

Rutherford Hybrids

Alaska
Constance

Belgian Indian Hybrids

Albert-Elizabeth	Triomphe
Hexe de Saffelaere	Vervaeneana
Jean Haerens	

FLORIDA FANCY

An exceptionally healthy and vigorous plant which is very well shaped, heavily branched and densely foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:

- a. Very well formed and sturdy.
- b. Branching plentiful and uniformly distributed close to ground level.
- c. Free of cracks, splits or cambium peeling.
- d. Pruning scars clean cut leaving little or no protrusion from the trunk or branch.

- e. Not hardened by excessive maturity or stopping of growth during growth cycle.
- f. No mechanical or pest damage.
- g. No extreme succulence.
- h. Contains no dead wood.

2. Foliage:

- a. Densely supplied with healthy, vigorous leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture.
- b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas caused by broken, dead or insufficient foliage.

- c. No chlorosis.
- d. Pest damage barely perceptible, with no more than 5% of total foliage affected.
- e. No frost or cold damage discernible.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not rootbound.
 - (3) No large roots growing out of container.
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped (B&B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball.
 - (2) Plants must contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.
- c. Balled stock, not burlapped or wrapped.

- (1) Abundance of fibrous and lateral feeder roots that cling and hold a compact ball when pulled up or dug.
- (2) It is strongly recommended that all balled (not burlapped) stock be kept moist, out of direct sunlight or drying breezes, and protected by a mulch, such as shavings, sawdust, wood bark or other trade-accepted mulch until sold.

d. Bare-rootstock.

This is not desirable, nor recommended, and is ineligible for grading on all azalea varieties suitable for Florida growing conditions.

FLORIDA NO. 1

A healthy, vigorous plant which is well shaped, well branched and well foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:

- a. Well formed and sturdy.
- b. Branching uniformly distributed close to ground level.
- c. Free of cracks, splits or cambium peeling.
- d. Pruning scars clean cut leaving little or no protrusion from trunk or branch.
- e. Not hardened by excessive maturity or stopping of growth during growth cycle.
- f. Any mechanical or pest damage must be 75% healed, no deeper than cambium layer, and no larger than 25% of diameter of wood.
- g. No extreme succulence.

2. Foliage:

- a. Well supplied with leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture.
- b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas any deeper or wider in area than 25% of the average diameter of the plant.
- c. Maximum chlorosis very slight and not more than 10% of total foliage.
- d. Pest or mechanical damage confined to no more than 10% of total foliage.
- e. Frost or cold damage confined to no more than a slight tip burn on the leaves covering 10% or less of the leaf canopy surface area.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
 - (3) No large roots growing out of container.
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped (B&B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine, or wire or pinned.
 - (2) Plants must contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.
- c. Balled stock, not burlapped or wrapped.
 - (1) Abundance of fibrous and lateral feeder roots that cling and hold a compact ball when pulled up or dug.
 - (2) It is strongly recommended that all balled (not burlapped) stock be kept moist, out of direct sunlight or drying breezes, and protected by a mulch, such as shavings, sawdust, wood bark or other trade-accepted mulch until sold.
- d. **Bare-rootstock.**

This is not desirable, nor recommended, and is ineligible for grading on all azalea varieties suitable for Florida growing conditions.

FLORIDA NO. 2

A healthy, vigorous plant which is fairly well shaped, with fair branching and fair foliage (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:

- a. Well formed and sturdy.
- b. Fair branching with fair distribution.
- c. Scars free of rot and do not exceed in greatest dimension twice the diameter of the wood beneath unless clean and healed 75% or better (except pruning scars).

2. Foliage:

- a. Fairly well supplied with leaves of good size, shape, color, and texture.
- b. Maximum chlorosis 25% of total foliage.
- c. Insect and other mechanical injury shall not exceed approximately 25% of individual leaves nor affect more than 50% of total foliage.
- d. Frost or cold damage confined to foliage on branch tips, no more than 20% of length of branches, nor affecting more than 25% of the leaf canopy surface area.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped (B&B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
 - (2) Plant must contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart page 7.
- c. Balled stock, not burlapped or wrapped.
 - (1) Abundance of fibrous and lateral feeder roots that cling and hold a compact ball when pulled up or dug.
 - (2) It is strongly recommended that all balled (not burlapped) stock be kept moist, out of direct sunlight or drying breezes, and protected by a mulch, such as shavings, sawdust, wood bark or other trade-accepted mulch until sold.
- d. Bare-rootstock.

This is not desirable, nor recommended, and is ineligible for grading on all azalea varieties suitable for Florida growing conditions.

TYPE G — GLOBOSE AZALEAS
Florida Fancy Examples



Formosa azalea



red ruffles azalea



coral bells azalea

TYPE G — GLOBOSE AZALEAS
Florida No. 1 Examples



Formosa azalea



red ruffles azalea



coral bells azalea

TYPE G — GLOBOSE AZALEAS
Florida No. 2 Examples



Formosa azalea



red ruffles azalea



coral bells azalea

TYPE US — CAMELLIAS

(Two-year and older grafts and plants on their own rootstock)

FLORIDA FANCY

An exceptionally healthy and vigorous plant which is very well shaped, heavily branched and densely foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. **Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:**

- a. Very well formed and sturdy.
- b. Branching plentiful and uniformly distributed close to ground level.
- c. No scarring allowed except pruning scars, clean cut, and leaving little or no protrusion.
- d. Graft union completely healed.
- e. No dead wood.
- f. No extreme succulence.
- g. No mechanical or pest damage.

2. **Foliage:**

- a. Densely supplied with healthy, vigorous leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture.
- b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas caused by broken, dead or insufficient foliage.
- c. No chlorosis.
- d. Pest damage barely perceptible with no more than 5% of total foliage affected.
- e. No frost or cold damage discernible.

3. **Root System:**

- a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Not excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
 - (3) No large roots growing out of container.

b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B & B).

- (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
- (2) Plants must have been previously root pruned and/or contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
- (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.

c. Bare-rootstock.

- (1) Roots healthy and vigorous, characterized by very good color and succulence.
- (2) Well supplied with main lateral roots, uniformly distributed around crown or taproot.
- (3) Well supplied throughout fibrous (feeder) roots.
- (4) Insect lesions and other mechanical injury well calloused and not to exceed in greatest dimension $\frac{1}{4}$ the diameter of the root beneath unless completely healed.
- (5) Root system must be kept moist and protected from excess heat, cold, sun or wind at all times.
- (6) Root system with a minimum spread and depth equal to minimum ball size when root pruned prior to digging, or $\frac{1}{3}$ greater than minimum ball size if not root pruned. See chart page 7.

FLORIDA NO. 1

A healthy, vigorous plant which is well shaped, well branched and well foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. **Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:**

- a. Well formed and sturdy.
- b. Good branching, uniformly distributed close to ground level.
- c. No scarring allowed except pruning scars, clean cut, and leaving little or no protrusion.
- d. Graft union 75% healed.

- e. No dead wood.
- f. No extreme succulence.
- g. No mechanical or pest damage.

2. **Foliage:**

- a. Well supplied with leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture.
- b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas caused by broken or dead foliage.
- c. Maximum chlorosis very slight and not more than 10% of total foliage.

- d. Pest or mechanical damage confined to no more than 10% of total foliage.
 - e. Frost or cold damage confined to no more than a slight tip burn on the leaves covering 10% or less of the surface area.
3. Root System:
- a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.
 - (2) Shall not be excessively rootbound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
 - (3) No large roots growing out of container.
 - b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B & B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
 - (2) Plants must have been previously root pruned and/or contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - c. Bare-rootstock.
 - (1) Roots healthy and vigorous, characterized by very good color and succulence.
 - (2) Well supplied with main lateral roots, uniformly distributed around crown or taproot.
 - (3) Well supplied throughout with fibrous (feeder) roots.
 - (4) Any damaged roots that are frayed, broken or ragged must be cleanly pruned.
 - (5) Root system must be kept moist and protected from excess heat, cold, sun or wind at all times.
 - (6) Root system shall have a minimum spread and depth equal to minimum ball size when root pruned prior to digging, or 113 greater than minimum ball size if not root pruned. See chart, page 7.

FLORIDA NO. 2

A healthy, vigorous plant which is fairly well shaped, with fair branching and fair foliage (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Canes or Trunk(s) and Branches:

- a. Fairly well formed and sturdy.
- b. Scars free of rot and do not exceed in greatest dimension twice the diameter of the wood beneath unless clean and healed 75% or better (except pruning scars).
- c. Fair branching with fair distribution.
- d. Graft union 50% healed.
- e. No dead wood.
- f. No extreme succulence.
- g. Pruning scars clean cut.

2. Foliage:

- a. Fairly well supplied with leaves of good size, shape, color and texture.
- b. Maximum chlorosis 25% of total foliage.
- c. Pest or mechanical damage confined to no more than 25% of total foliage.
- d. Frost or cold damage confined to foliage on branch tips, no more than 20% of length of branches, nor affecting more than 25% of the surface area.

3. Root System:

- a. Container-grown stock.
 - (1) Sturdily established in container.

- (2) Not excessively root bound except plants deliberately grown root bound to produce a dwarf plant.
- b. Balled or balled and burlapped stock (B&B).
 - (1) Sturdily established in ball that has been tightly wrapped and securely tied with twine or wire, or pinned.
 - (2) Plant must have been previously root pruned and or contain sufficient roots for continued growth without resulting shock.
 - (3) Minimum ball size: see chart, page 7.
- c. Bare-rootstock.
 - (1) Roots healthy and vigorous, characterized by very good color and succulence.
 - (2) Well supplied with main lateral roots, uniformly distributed around crown or taproot.
 - (3) Well supplied throughout with fibrous (feeder) roots.
 - (4) Any damaged roots that are frayed, broken or ragged must be cleanly pruned.
 - (5) Root system must be kept moist and protected from excess heat, cold, sun or wind at all times.
 - (6) Root system shall have a minimum spread and depth equal to minimum ball size when root pruned prior to digging, or 113 greater than minimum ball size if not root pruned. See chart, page 7.

Downgrading Factors:

Graft Unions Healed



100% Healed



75% Healed



50% Healed

TYPE US — CAMELLIAS



Florida Fancy

Scientific name: ***Camellia japonica* L.**
Common name: **common camellia**



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

TYPE G — SELF-HEADING

Philodendron bipinnatifidum Endl. (*Philodendron selloum* K. Koch) and others known in the trade as ‘selloum types’ such as crosses of and between:

- Philodendron bipinnatifidum* Endl. ‘Uruguay’
- Philodendron giganteum* Schott
- Philodendron meliononii* Brongn. ex Reg.
- Philodendron* ‘Seaside’

- Philodendron speciosum* Schott ex Endl.
- Philodendron tweedianum* Schott
- Philodendron undulatum* Engl.
- Philodendron wendlandii* Schott
- Philodendron williamsii* Hook f.

SIZES SOLD

POT SIZE	PLANT SIZE
2 inches	4 - 6 inches
3 inches	6 - 12 inches
6 inches	8 - 12 inches
Gallons	8 - 12, 12 - 18, 18 - 24 inches
No. 3, 3 Gallon	18 - 24, 24 - 30, 30 - 36 inches
No. 7 to No. 25	Sizes stated in feet

Plants sold by size; size must be specified with the grade. Singles have one plant per container; doubles have two plants per container.

FLORIDA FANCY

An exceptionally healthy and vigorous plant which is very well shaped and densely foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Foliage:

- a. Exceptionally compact with perfect fully expanded leaves.

- b. Petioles short, erect and strong.
- c. Color of leaves medium light to medium dark green.
- d. No mechanical or pest damage.
- e. No streaking, spotting or chlorosis.
- f. No extreme succulence.
- g. No frost or cold damage discernible.

2. Root System:

- a. Container-grown.
 - (1) No roots growing out of container.
 - (2) Healthy and vigorous, but not excessively running around top of container.

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER CONTAINER	MINIMUM LEAVES
Gallon	1	6
Gallon	2	12
3 to 5 gallon	1	10
3 to 5 gallon	2	12

FLORIDA NO. 1

A healthy, vigorous plant which is well shaped and well foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Foliage:

- a. A good, round shape with one good leaf; balance of leaves perfect and fully expanded.

- b. Petiole short to medium, erect and strong.
- c. Color of leaves light to medium green.
- d. No mechanical or pest damage.
- e. No streaking, spotting or chlorosis.
- f. No extreme succulence.
- g. No frost or cold damage discernible.

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER CONTAINER	MINIMUM LEAVES
Gallon	1	5
Gallon	2	10
3 to 5 gallon	1	7
3 to 5 gallon	2	10

2. Root System:

- a. Container-grown.
 - (1) No more than one root growing out of container and no longer than container's height.
 - (2) Healthy and vigorous.
 - (3) Sturdily established in container.

FLORIDA NO. 2

A healthy, vigorous plant which is well shaped and well foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Foliage:

- a. One good leaf; balance of leaves perfect and fully expanded.

- b. Petiole medium to long with fair substance.
- c. Color of leaves very light to deep, dark green.
- d. No streaking, spotting or pest damage, but 10% chlorosis allowed for total foliage.
- e. Some succulence permitted.
- f. No mechanical, frost or cold damage.

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER CONTAINER	MINIMUM LEAVES
Gallon	1	3
Gallon	2	6
3 to 5 gallon	1	5
3 to 5 gallon	2	8

2. Root System:

- a. Container-grown.
 - (1) No more than two roots growing out of container and no longer than container's height.
 - (2) Healthy and vigorous.
 - (3) Sturdily established in container.

TYPE G — SELF-HEADING

Scientific name: ***Philodendron bipinnatifidum* Endl.**
Common name: **philodendron, selloum**
Synonym: ***P. selloum* K. Koch**



Florida Fancy



Florida No. 1



Florida No. 2

ROSE GRADES*

GENERAL

The standards specified apply only to field-grown garden roses when sold bare-root, or individually wrapped and packaged, or in cartons.

All grades of roses must have a well-developed root system and have proportionate weight and caliper according to grade and variety. Roses shall be graded based on number and caliper of canes.

Rose bushes that do not meet these standards for the individual grades are defined as 'culls.'

As used in the grade sizes below, 'strong cane' means a cane that is healthy, vigorous and fully developed so that it is hardened-off throughout. The caliper of the cane is measured not higher than four inches (10 cm) from the bud union.

HYBRID TEA, TEA, GRANDI FLORA, RUGOSA HYBRIDS, HYBRID PERPETUAL, MOSS AND CLIMBING ROSES

Grade Fancy:

At least three strong canes, $\frac{5}{16}$ inch (0.8 cm) in caliper and up, branched not higher than three inches (8.0 cm) from the bud union.

Grade No.1:

At least two strong canes, $\frac{5}{16}$ inch (0.8 cm) in caliper and up, branched not higher than three inches (8 cm) from the bud union.

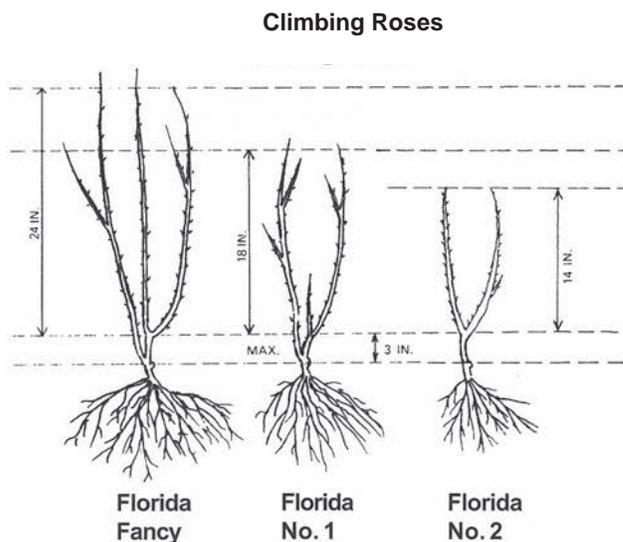
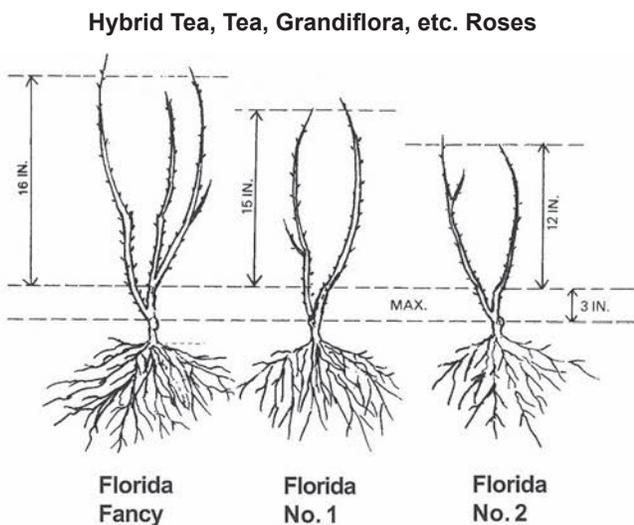
Grade No.2:

At least two canes, one of which shall be a strong

cane, $\frac{5}{16}$ inch (0.8 cm) in caliper and up. The second shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (0.6 cm) in caliper, branched not higher than three inches (8 cm) from the bud union.

Note:

Although Floribunda roses are included in the above grade standard, it should be noted that Floribunda roses in this group will normally result in the marketing of rose bushes which are, on the average, lighter for this class. Polyantha, shrub, landscape and low-growing Floribunda roses may be graded per the following section.



Taken from the American Association of Nurserymen's publication, "American Standard for Nursery Stock," section 5, pages 21 and 22; revised 1/90 (with the exception of the grade designations).

**POLYANTHA, SHRUB, LANDSCAPE
AND LOW-GROWING FLORIBUNDA ROSES**

Grade Fancy:

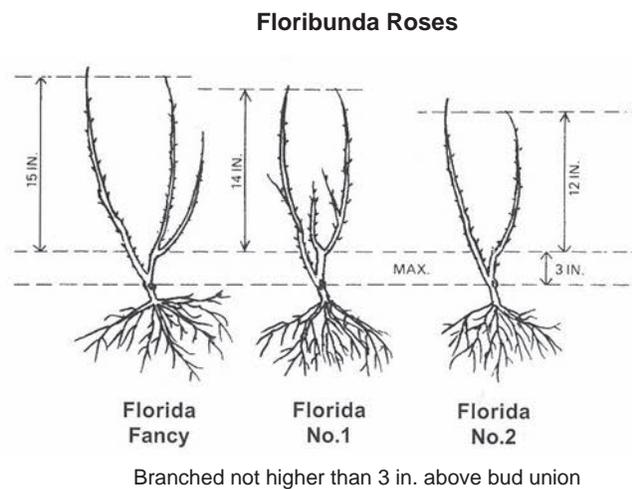
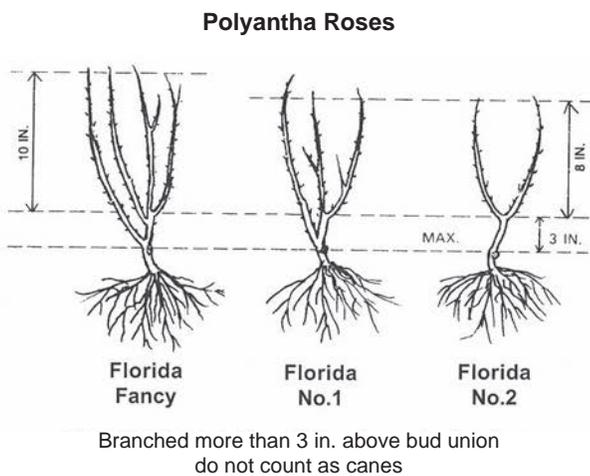
At least three (strong) canes, ¼ inch (0.6 cm) in caliper and up, branched not higher than three inches (8 cm) from the bud union.

Grade No.1:

At least two (strong) canes, ¼ inch (0.6 cm) in caliper and up, branched not higher than three inches (8 em) from the bud union.

Grade No.2:

At least two canes, one of which shall be a (strong) cane, ¼ inch (0.6 cm) in caliper and up and branched not higher than three inches from bud union.



CONTAINER-GROWN ROSES

All container-grown roses shall have been growing in the container in which they are marketed for a minimum of one month of the active growing season and for a maximum of two growing seasons. Roses may be cut back to a minimum of four inches (10 cm) above the bud union at the time they are potted

and should comply with the grades in which they are classified prior to pruning in preparation for potting.

All container-grown roses should be sold by both rose grade as specified above and should be a minimum three-gallon size.

TYPE GC — GROUNDCOVERS

INTRODUCTION

Generally, groundcovers are plants whose horizontal dimensions tend to exceed their vertical dimensions. These plants when used in mass create a covering of the soil areas within a landscaped planting.

Groundcovers have several functional values. They serve as a method for weed control, add color and texture to the landscape, control erosion, provide a fire-retardant border and serve as substitutes for lawns.

GENERAL GRADE STANDARDS — CONTAINER-GROWN STOCK

Florida Fancy

An exceptionally healthy and vigorous plant which is very well-shaped, heavily branched and densely foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Foliage:

- a. Densely supplied with healthy, vigorous leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture.
- b. No holes, cavities, or depressed areas caused by broken or dead branches or insufficient foliage.
- c. No chlorosis.
- d. Pest or mechanical damage barely perceptible with no more than 5% of total foliage affected.
- e. No frost or cold damage discernible.

- f. Densely supplied covering all soil and extending past the rim of the container.

2. Root System:

- a. Sturdily established in container.
- b. Not excessively root bound except plants deliberately grown rootbound to produce a dwarf plant.
- c. No large roots growing out of container.
- d. No noxious weeds in container.

Florida No. 1

A healthy, vigorous plant which is well-shaped, well-branched and well-foliated (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Foliage:

- a. Well supplied with leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture.
- b. No holes, cavities or depressed areas caused by broken or dead foliage.
- c. Maximum chlorosis very slight and not more than 10% of total foliage.
- d. Pest or mechanical damage confined to no more than 10% of total foliage.

- e. Frost or cold damage confined to no more than a slight tip burn on the leaves covering 10% or less of the surface area.
- f. Leaves extending over container but leaving not more than ¼ of container soil exposed to view.

2. Root System:

- a. Sturdily established in container.
- b. Not excessively root bound except plants deliberately grown root bound to produce a dwarf plant.
- c. No large roots growing out of container.

Florida No. 2

A healthy, vigorous plant which is fairly well-shaped, with fair branching and fair foliage (subject to natural growth of the variety).

1. Foliage:

- a. Fairly well supplied with leaves of good size, shape, color and texture.
- b. Maximum chlorosis 25% of total foliage.
- c. Pest or mechanical injury shall not exceed approximately 25% of individual leaves nor affect more than 25% of total foliage.
- d. Frost or cold damage confined to foliage on branch tips, no more than 20% of length of branches, nor affecting more than 25% of the total surface area.
- e. Leaves fairly well supplied, but leaving up to half of container soil exposed to view.

2. Root System:

- a. Sturdily established in container.
- b. Not excessively root bound except plants deliberately grown root bound to produce a dwarf plant.
- c. No large roots growing out of container.
- d. No noxious weeds in container.

TYPE GC — GROWDCOVERS
Florida Fancy Examples



asparagus-fern, sprengeri



cast iron plant



blue rug juniper

TYPE GC — GROUNDCOVERS
Florida No. 1 Examples



asparagus-fern, sprengeri



cast iron plant



blue rug juniper

TYPE GC — GROUNDCOVERS
Florida No. 2 Examples



asparagus-fern, sprengeri



cast iron plant



blue rug juniper

TYPE V — ORNAMENTAL VINES

The woody vines constitute a group of ornamental plants as important as trees and shrubs for creating landscape effects of color, texture and form. They are adapted to many landscape situations which are difficult or impossible to fill with trees or shrubs.

It is not always easy to distinguish between a climbing shrub and a vine. Several well-known vines (bougainvillea, some species of jasmine and wisteria) with some pruning may be grown as shrubs whereas some reclining shrubs (Chinese-hat-plant and elaeagnus) can be grown as vines.

Since vine grades are determined by the number and length of runners, all vines, regardless of grade, should exhibit the following characteristics:

1. Runners:

- a. Well formed and properly supported (staked or trellised).

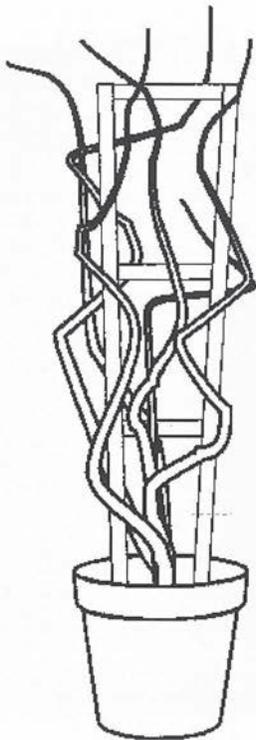
- b. Branching plentiful and uniformly distributed to form a well-balanced plant.
- c. No mechanical, pest or cold damage.

2. Foliage:

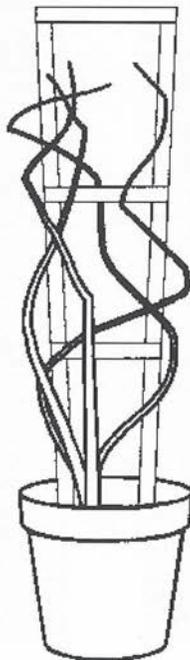
- a. Densely supplied with healthy, vigorous leaves of normal size, shape, color and texture (except deciduous vines when dormant).
- b. No chlorosis.
- c. No mechanical or pest damage.

3. Root System:

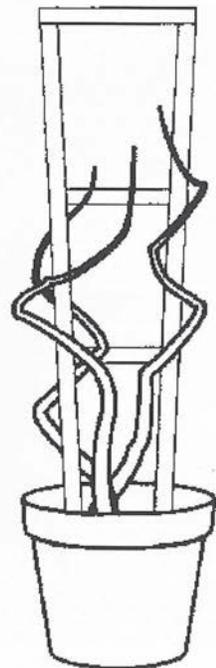
- a. Sturdily established in container.
- b. Not excessively root bound.
- c. No large roots growing out of container.
- d. No noxious weeds in container.



Florida Fancy
Minimum of 5 runners
no less than 4' long



Florida No.1
Minimum of 4 runners
no less than 3' long



Florida No.2
Minimum of 3 runners
no less than 2½' long

TYPE V — VINES
Florida Fancy Examples



yellow allamanda



Mexican flame vine



purple passion vine

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purple passion vine

INDEX OF SHRUBS, GROUNDCOVERS AND VINES MOST GENERALLY SOLD BY FLORIDA NURSERIES WITH THE TYPE UNDER WHICH THEY ARE TO BE GRADED

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U - Upright C - Columnar GC - Groundcover

SG - Special Grade SS - Specific Specifications V - Vines

TYPE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
US	<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> (Andre) Rehd.	glossy abelia
U	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i> (syn: <i>Acalypha amentacea</i> ssp. <i>wilkesiana</i> (Muell. - Arg.) Fosberg	copper-leaf
G	<i>Acca sellowiana</i> O. Berg	pineapple-guava
GC	<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i> Langsd. & Fisch.	leather fern
US	<i>Afrocarpus falcata</i> (Thunb.) Page syn: <i>Podocarpus elongatus</i> (Aiton) L'Her. ex Pers.	Cape-yellowwood
US	<i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i> (Pilger) Page syn: <i>Podocarpus gracilior</i> Pilger	African fern-pine/ weeping podocarpus
GC	<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>	lily-of-the-Nile
GC	<i>Agapanthus africanus</i> 'Peter Pan'	Peter Pan, lily-of-the-Nile
SS	<i>Agave</i> spp.	century plant
GC	<i>Ajuga reptans</i> L.	carpet bugleweed
US	<i>Allamanda blanchetii</i> A. DC. syn: <i>A. violacea</i> G. Gardn. & Fielding	purple allamanda
V	<i>Allamanda cathartica</i> L.	yellow allamanda
S	<i>Allamanda schottii</i> Pohl syn: <i>A. neriifolia</i> Hook. f.	bush allamanda
GC	<i>Alocasia</i> spp.	elephant ear
SS	<i>Aloe</i> spp.	aloe
US	<i>Alpinia</i> spp.	shell ginger
GC	<i>Alternanthera jicoidea</i> (L.) R. Br.	Jacob's/Joseph's Coat
GC	<i>Anthurium</i> spp.	tail flower
US	<i>Aralia</i> spp. Aralia japonica; see Fatsia japonica Aralia sieboldii; see Fatsia japonica	aralia
GC	<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i> (L.) Schultz-Bip. syn: <i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i> L.	marguerite-daisy
SBS & GC	<i>Asparagus</i> spp.	asparagus-fern
SBS & GC	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> (Kunth) Jessop syn: <i>A. sprengeri</i> Reg.	asparagus-fern/ sprengeri
V	<i>Asparagus Jalcatus</i> L.	sickle thorn
GC	<i>Aspidistra elatior</i> Blume	cast iron plant
US	<i>Aucuba japonica</i> Thunb.	gold dust plant
US	<i>Barleria cristata</i> L.	Philippine-violet
V	<i>Bauhinia galpinii</i> N.E.Br.	red bauhinia
V	<i>Beaumontia grandiflora</i> (Roxb.) Wall. <i>Beloperone guttata</i> ; see <i>Justicia brandegeana</i>	herald's trumpet shrimp plant
BS	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.	Japanese barberry
GC	<i>Blechnum gibbum</i> (Labill.) Mett.	minature tree fern

GC	<i>Blechnum serrulatum</i> Rich.	swamp fern
BS, GC, US & V	<i>Bougainvillea</i> spp.	bougainvillea
	<i>Brassaia actinophylla</i> ; see <i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	umbrella tree
US	<i>Buddleia</i> spp.	butterfly bush
US	<i>Bunts</i> spp.	boxwood
US	<i>Caesalpinia</i> spp.	caesalpinia
US	<i>Calliandra</i> spp.	powderpuff
US	<i>Callicarpa americana</i> L.	beauty berry
US	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> (Curtis) Skeels	erect bottlebrush
U	<i>Callistemon</i> 'Red Cluster'	red cluster bottlebrush
U	<i>Calyptranthes</i> spp.	calyptranthes
US	<i>Camellia japonica</i> L.	common camellia
US	<i>Camellia sasanqua</i> Thunb.	sasanqua
G OR C	<i>Capparis cynophallophora</i> L. syn: <i>C. jamaicensis</i> Jacq.	Jamaican caper-tree
BS	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> (Ecklon) A. DC. syn: <i>C. grandiflora</i> (E.Mey.) A. DC.	natal-plum
BS	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Albert'	Albert natal-plum
BS	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Boxwood Beauty'	boxwood beauty natal-plum
BS	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Emerald Blanket'	emerald blanket natal-plum
BS	<i>Cassia</i> spp.	cassia
GC	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> L.	buttonbush
US	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i> L.	night blooming jessamine
GC	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i> (Thunb.) Jacques	spider plant
	<i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i> ; see <i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i>	
	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> ; see <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	
	<i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i> ; see <i>Dendranthema x grandiflorum</i>	
	<i>Chrysanthemum superbum</i> ; see <i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	
US	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i> L.	cocoplum
US	<i>Citharexylum fruticosum</i> L.	Florida fiddlewood
US	<i>X Citrofortunella microcarpa</i> (Bunge) Wijnands syn: <i>C. mitis</i> (Blanco) J. Ingram & H.E. Moore	calamondin
GC	<i>Cleistocactus</i> spp.	firecracker cactus
V	<i>Clerodendrum thomsoniae</i> Balf.	bleeding heart
US	<i>Cleyera japonica</i> Thunb.	cleyera/ sakaki
V	<i>Clytostoma callistegioides</i> (Cham.) Bur. & Schum.	painted trumpet
US	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i> (L.) L.	sea-grape
US	<i>Cocculus laurifolius</i> (Roxb.) DC.	snail seed
US	<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> (L.) Juss. var. <i>pictum</i> (Lodd.) Muell.-Arg.	croton
GC	<i>Complaya trilobata</i> (L.) Strother syn: <i>Wedelia trilobata</i> (L.) Hitchc.	wedelia
US	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> L.	buttonwood
US	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> L. var. <i>sericeus</i> Fors. ex DC.	silver buttonwood
US	<i>Cordyline terminalis</i> (L.) Kunth	ti
GC	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i> 'Nana'	dwarf tickseed
SS & GC	<i>Crinum americanum</i> L.	string lily /Florida swamp lily
SS	<i>Crinum asiaticum</i> L.	grand crinum/poison bulb
SS	<i>Crinum augustum</i> L. Roxb. syn: <i>C. ambile</i> J. Donn	giant string lily
GC	<i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i> (L.) Nees	crossandra
SBS & GC	<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i> Kunth	false-/Mexican-heather
GC	<i>Curculigo capitulata</i> (Lour.) Kuntze syn: <i>Molineria recurvata</i> (Dryland. ex. Aiton) Herb.	palm-grass
V	<i>Cydistia aequinoctialis</i> (L.) Miers	garlic vine
SS & GC	<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i> (L.f.) Presl	Japanese holly-fern

GC	<i>Dendranthema x grandiflorum</i> Kitam. syn: <i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i> Ramat.	chrysanthemum
U	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> (L.) Jacq.	varnish leaf
S	<i>Dracaena</i> spp.	dragon tree
G	<i>Duranta erecta</i> L. syn: <i>D. plumieri</i> Jacq. & <i>D. repens</i> L.	golden dewdrop
S	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> Thunb.	silverthorn
V	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i> (Lindl. & Andre) Bunting	hunter's robe/pothos
GC	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i> Ker-Gawl. <i>Eugenia compacta</i> ; see <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> 'Compacta'	seaside daisy
U	<i>Eugenia confusa</i> DC.	redberry stopper
U	<i>Eugenia coronata</i> Schumacher & Thonn.	African eugenia
U	<i>Eugenia eucalyptoides</i> F. Muell.	eucalyptus-leaf eugenia
U	<i>Eugenia foetida</i> Pers. <i>Eugenia myrtilifolia</i> ; see <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>	Spanish stopper
US	<i>Euonymus</i> spp.	strawberry-bush
S	<i>Euphorbia milii</i> Des Moul. var. <i>splendens</i> (Bojer ex Hook.) Ursch & Leandri syn: <i>E. splendens</i> Bojer ex Hook. & <i>E. bojeri</i> Hook.	crown-of-thorns
GC	<i>Evolvulus glomeratus</i> Nees & Mart.	blue daze
US	<i>Fatsia japonica</i> (Thunb.) Decne. & Planch. syn: <i>Aralia japonica</i> Thunb. & <i>Aralia sieboldii</i> de Vriese	fatsia
U	<i>Ficus</i> spp.	fig
BS, SBS & S	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	Green Island ficus
V	<i>Ficus pumila</i> L.	creeping fig
US	<i>Forestiera segregata</i> (Jacq.) Krug & Urban	florida-privet
SS	<i>Furcraea foetida</i> (L.) Haw.	giant false-agave /Mauritius-hemp
G	<i>Galphimia glauca</i> Cav. syn: <i>Thryallis glauca</i> (Cav.) Kuntze	thryallis/shower-of-gold
G	<i>Gamolepis chrysanthemoides</i> DC.	California daisy
US & SG	<i>Gardenia augusta</i> (L.) Merr. syn: <i>G. jasminoides</i> Ellis	cape-jasmine
V	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> (L.) J. St.-Hil.	Carolina yellow jessamine
V	<i>Grewia caffra</i> Meissn.	star of India
V	<i>Grewia occidentalis</i> L.	star flower
US	<i>Guaiaacum sanctum</i> L.	lignum-vitae
US	<i>Hamelia patens</i> Jacq. syn: <i>H. erecta</i> Jacq. & <i>H. sphaerocarpa</i> Ruiz & Pav.	fire bush/scarlet bush
V	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> Willd.	Algerian Ivy
GC & V	<i>Hedera helix</i> L.	English Ivy
U	<i>Heliconia</i> spp.	wild-plantain
GC	<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.	day lily
US	<i>Hibiscus</i> spp.	hibiscus
D & SG	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> L.	Chinese/China-rose hibiscus
G	<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> (Thunb.) Ser.	garden hydrangea
US	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> Bartram	oakleaf hydrangea
U	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> Ashe origin: <i>I. cassine</i> L. X <i>I. opaca</i> Aiton	hybrid holly
U	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'East Palatka'	East Palatka holly
U	<i>Illex x attenuata</i> 'Savannah'	Savannah holly
U	<i>Ilex cassine</i> L.	Dahoon holly
G	<i>Ilex cornuta</i> Lindl. & Paxt.	Chinese holly
G	<i>Ilex cornuta</i> 'Burfordii'	Burford holly
G	<i>Ilex cornuta</i> 'Dwarf Burford' dwarf syn: <i>I. cornuta</i> 'Burfordii Nana', syn: <i>I. cornuta</i> 'Burfordii Compacta', syn: <i>I. cornuta</i> 'Compacta' in part	Burford holly

G	<i>Ilex cornuta</i> ‘Rotunda’	dwarf Chinese holly
SBS	<i>Ilex crenata</i> Thunb.	Japanese holly
SBS	<i>Ilex crenata</i> ‘Compacta’	compacta holly
SBS	<i>Ilex crenata</i> ‘Convexa’	convex holly
SBS	<i>Ilex crenata</i> ‘Helleri’	Heller’s holly
SBS	<i>Ilex crenata</i> ‘Hetzii’	Hetz holly
US	<i>Ilex glabra</i> (L.) A. Gray	gallberry
US	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> Aiton	yaupon holly
SBS	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> ‘Nana’	nana holly/dwarf yaupon
SBS	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> ‘Schilling’s Dwarf’	Schilling’s dwarf holly
U	<i>Illicium anisatum</i> L. syn: <i>I. religiosum</i> Sieb. & Zucc.	anise
U	<i>Illicium floridanum</i> Ellis	Florida anise
U	<i>Illicium parviflorum</i> Michaux ex Vent.	Ocala/yellow anise
V	<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	morning glory
US	<i>Ixora</i> spp.	ixora
US	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> L. ‘Maui’	Maui ixora
US	<i>Ixora</i> ‘Norah Grant’	Norah Grant ixora
US	<i>Ixora</i> ‘Singapore’	Singapore ixora
V	<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i> Vahl	gold coast jasmine .
S	<i>Jasminum floridum</i> Bunge syn: <i>J. subulatum</i> Lindl.	showy jasmine
S	<i>Jasminum humile</i> L.	Italian jasmine
S	<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i> Hance syn: <i>J. primulinum</i> Hemsl.	primrose jasmine
S & V	<i>Jasminum multiflorum</i> (Burm. f.) Andr. syn: <i>J. pubescens</i> Willd.	star/downy jasmine
S & V	<i>Jasminum nitidum</i> Skan syn: <i>J. amplexicaule</i> Hort. syn: <i>J. ilicifollum</i> Hort. syn: <i>J. undulatum</i> Hort.	shiny/pinwheel jasmine
S	<i>Jasminum officinale</i> L.	poet’s jasmine
S	<i>Jasminum sambac</i> (L.) Aiton	Arabian jasmine
S	<i>Jasminum volubile</i> Jacq. syn: <i>J. gracile</i> Andr. & <i>J. simplicifolium</i> G. Forst.	wax jasmine
U	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> L. ‘Fairview’	Fairview juniper
U	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Kaizuka’ syn: <i>J. chinensis</i> var. <i>torulosa</i> Bailey	Hollywood/twisted juniper
U & SG	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Sylvestris’	Sylvester juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> Parl.	shore juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> ‘Blue Pacific’	blue Pacific juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> ‘Compacta’	compacta juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> ‘Emerald Sea’	Emerald Sea juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus davurica</i> ‘Expansa’ syn: <i>J. chinensis</i> var. <i>parsonii</i> Hornibr.	Parson’s juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> Moench	prostrate juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> ‘Bar Harbor’	Bar Harbor juniper
BS & G	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> ‘Plumosa’	Andorra juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> ‘Prince of Wales’	Prince of Wales juniper
BS & G	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> ‘Wiltonii’ syn: <i>J. horizontalis</i> ‘Blue Rug’	blue rug juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus x media</i> Van Melle syn: <i>J. sabina</i> L. & <i>J. sphaerica</i> Lindl.	hybrid juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus x media</i> ‘Armstrongii’	Armstrong juniper
G	<i>Juniperus x media</i> ‘Blaauw’	blue vase juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus x media</i> ‘Gold Coast’	Gold Coast juniper
G	<i>Juniperus x media</i> ‘Hetzii’	Hetz juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus x media</i> ‘Old Gold’	old gold juniper
S	<i>Juniperus x media</i> ‘Pfitzeriana’ syn: <i>J. chinensis</i> var. <i>pendula</i> Beissn. syn: <i>J. chinensis</i> var. <i>pfitzeriana</i> Spath.	Pfitzer/green Pfitzer juniper

SBS	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana Aurea'	gold tip Pfitzer juniper
SBS	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana Compacta' syn: <i>J. chinensis</i> 'Nick's Compact'	Nick's compact juniper
G	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana Glauca'	silver blue juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i> (Endl.) Miq. syn: <i>J. chinensis</i> 'Procumbens'	Japanese garden/ procumbent juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i> 'Nana'	dwarf procumbent juniper
SBS	<i>Juniperus sargentii</i> (Henry) Tak.	Sargent juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus sargentii</i> 'Glauca'	blue Sargent juniper
BS	<i>Juniperus sargentii</i> 'Viridis'	green Sargent juniper
US	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> L.	eastern red-cedar
US	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Robusta Green'	robusta green juniper
S	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Sea Green'	sea green juniper
US	<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> Washh. & L.B. Sm. syn: <i>Beloperone guttata</i> Brandg.	shrimp plant
SBS	<i>Lantana depressa</i> Small	pineland trailing lantana
SBS & GC	<i>Lantana montevidensis</i> (Spreng.) Briq. syn: <i>L. sellowiana</i> Link & Otto	dwarf trailing lantana
GC	<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i> (J. Ingram) Bergmans ex Kent syn: <i>Chrysanthemum superbum</i> Bergmans ex. J. Ingram	Shasta daisy
GC	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Lam. syn: <i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> L.	oxeye daisy
US	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> (Berl.) I.M. Johnston syn: <i>L. texanum</i> Benth.	Texas-sage
US	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> Thunb.	wax/Japanese privet
GC	<i>Liriope muscari</i> (Decne.) L.H. Bail.	lilyturf
V	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb. 'Halliana'	Hall's Japanese honeysuckle
V	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> L.	coral/trumpet honeysuckle
V	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i> (L.) A. Gentry	cat's claw
U	<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i> Soul.- Bod.	saucer magnolia
U	<i>Magnolia stellata</i> (Sieb. & Zucc.) Maxim.	star magnolia
BS	<i>Malpighia coccigera</i> L.	dwarf-holly
BS	<i>Malpighia emarginata</i> Sesse & Moe. ex DC. syn: <i>M. puniceifolia</i> L.	acerola
US	<i>Malpighia glabra</i> L.	Barbados-cherry
V	<i>Mandevilla splendens</i> (Hook. f.) Woodson	pink allamanda
GC	<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i> L.	ice plant
U	<i>Michelia figo</i> (Lour.) Spreng. syn: <i>M. fuscata</i> (Andrews) Wallich.	banana-shrub
	<i>Molineria recurvata</i> ; see <i>Curculigo capitulata</i>	
V	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i> Liebm.	ceriman
US	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i> (Swartz) Me Vaugh var. <i>simpsonii</i> (Small) R.W. Long Syn: <i>Eugenia simpsonii</i> (Small) Sarg.	Simpson's stopper
	<i>Myrsine floridana</i> ; see <i>Rapanea punctata</i>	
	<i>Myrsine guianensis</i> ; see <i>Rapanea punctata</i>	
U	<i>Myrtus communis</i> L.	myrtle
G	<i>Myrtus communis</i> 'Compacta'	dwarf myrtle
C	<i>Nageia nagi</i> (Thunb.) Kuntze syn: <i>Podocarpus nagi</i> (Thunb.) Mak.	nagi/podocarpus nagi
SS & GC	<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i> (L.) Schott	Boston fern

US	<i>Nerium oleander</i> L.	oleander
US	<i>Nerium oleander</i> 'Dwarf'	dwarf oleander
SG	<i>Nolina recurvata</i> (Lem.) Hemsl.	pony tail
GC	<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> (L. f.) Ker-Gawl.	mondo-grass
US	<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i> Lour.	tea olive
GC	<i>Osmunda regalis</i> L.	royal fern
V	<i>Pandorea jasminoides</i> (Lindl.) K. Schum.	bower plant
V	<i>Passiflora</i> spp.	passion flower
GC	<i>Peperomia obtusifolia</i> (L.) Dietr.	baby rubber plant
V	<i>Petrea volubilis</i> L.	purple/queen's wreath
V	<i>Philodendron</i> spp.	philodendron
G	<i>Philodendron bipinnatifidum</i> Endl. syn: <i>P. selloum</i> K. Koch	philodendron/selloum
US	<i>Photinia x fraseri</i> Dress	hybrid photinia/red-tip photinia
US	<i>Photinia glabra</i> (Thunb.) Maxim.	red-leaf/red-tip photinia
GC	<i>Pilea cadierei</i> Gagnep. & Guill.	aluminum plant
GC	<i>Pilea microphylla</i> (L.) Liebm. syn: <i>P. mucosa</i> Lindl.	artillery plant
GC	<i>Pilea serpyllacea</i> (Kunth) Liebm. 'Stoplight' syn: <i>P. serpyllifolia</i>	stoplight pilea
G	<i>Pittosporum ferrugineum</i> Aiton	rusty pittosporum
G	<i>Pittosporum pentandrum</i> (Blanco) Merr.	Philippine pittosporum
G	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> (Thunb.) Aiton f.	Japanese pittosporum
S	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Wheeler's Dwarf' syn: <i>P. wheeleri</i> Hort.	Wheeler's pittosporum
G	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Variegata'	variegated pittosporum
S	<i>Plumbago</i> spp.	plumbago
C	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> (Thunb.) D. Don syn: <i>P. longifolius</i> Parl.	Japanese-yew
C	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> 'Maki'	Maki-yew
	<i>Podocarpus nagi</i> ; see <i>Nageia nagi</i>	
V	<i>Podranea ricasoliana</i> (Tanf.) Sprague syn: <i>Tecoma mackersii</i> Will. Wats.	pink trumpet vine
U	<i>Polyscias</i> spp.	wild-coffee
U	<i>Polyscias x 'Crispata'</i>	chicken gizzard-aralia
U	<i>Polyscias filicifolia</i> (C. Moore ex Fourn.) L.H. Bailey	fernleaf-aralia
U	<i>Polyscias fruticosa</i> (L.) Harms	Ming-aralia
U	<i>Polyscias guilfoylei</i> (Bull) L.H. Bailey	roseleaf-aralia
U	<i>Polyscias x 'Quercifolia'</i>	oakleaf-aralia
U	<i>Polyscias scutellaria</i> (Burm. f.) Fosb. 'Balfourii' syn: <i>P. pinnata</i> Forst. & Forst. f.	Balfour-aralia
V	<i>Parana paniculata</i> Roxb.	Christmas vine
V	<i>Pseudogynoxys chenopodioides</i> (Kunth) Cabr. Mexican syn: <i>Senecio confusus</i> (DC.) Britten	flame vine
US	<i>Psychotria nervosa</i> Sw.	wild-coffee/false ipecac
V	<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.	firethorn
US & SG	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> Roem.	firethorn
V	<i>Pyrostegia venusta</i> (Ker-Gawl.) Miers	flame vine
U	<i>Randia aculeata</i> L.	white indigo-berry
US	<i>Rapanea punctata</i> (Lam.) Lundell syn: <i>Myrsine floridana</i> , A. DC. & <i>Myrsine guianensis</i> (Aubl.) Kuntze	myrsine
S	<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i> (L.) Lindl.	Indian-hawthorn
S	<i>Rhaphiolepis umbellata</i> (Thunb.) Mak.	Yedda-hawthorn
G	<i>Rhododendron x 'Coral Bells'</i>	coral bells azalea
G	<i>Rhododendron x 'Formosa'</i>	Formosa azalea
G	<i>Rhododendron x 'Red Ruffles'</i>	red ruffles azalea
	<i>Rhoeo spathacea</i> ; see <i>Tradescantia spathacea</i>	

SG	<i>Rosa</i> spp.	rose
GC	<i>Ruellia</i> spp.	wild-petunia
SS & GC	<i>Rumohra adiantiformis</i> (Forst. f.) Ching	leatherleaf fern
S	<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i> Schlecht. & Cham.	firecracker/fountain bush
GC	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> Frain	snake plant/ mother-in-law's tongue
G	<i>Scaevola</i> spp.	scaevola
U	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> (Endl.) Harms syn: <i>Brassaia actinophylla</i> Endl.	Queensland umbrella tree/ schefflera
S	<i>Schefflera arboricola</i> (Hayata) Merr.	dwarf schefflera
GC	<i>Serenoa repens</i> Small	saw palmetto
US	<i>Severinia buxifolia</i> (Poir.) Ten.	box-thorn/Chinese box-orange
US	<i>Severinia buxifolia</i> 'Nana'	dwarf box-thorn
U	<i>Sophora tomentosa</i> L.	necklace pod
GC	<i>Spiraea cantoniensis</i> Lour.	Reeves spiraea
V	<i>Stephanotis floribunda</i> (R. Br.) Brongn.	Madagascar stephanotis
US	<i>Strelitzia nicolai</i> Reg. & Korn.	white bird of paradise
US	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i> Banks ex Dryand	bird of paradise
V	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i> Schott	nephtyis
US & SG	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> Gaertn. syn: <i>Eugenia myrtifolia</i> Sims	brush-cherry
U	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> 'Compacta' syn: <i>Eugenia compacta</i> Hort.	compact brush-cherry
US	<i>Tabernaemontana divaricata</i> (L.) R. Br. ex. Roem. & Schult.	crepe-jasmine
V	<i>Tecomaria capensis</i> (Thunb.) Spach	Cape honeysuckle
US	<i>Tetrazygia bicolor</i> (Mill.) Cogn. <i>Thryallis glauca</i> ; see <i>Galphimia glauca</i>	Florida tetrazygia
G	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> L. 'Globosa'	globe arborvitae
U	<i>Thunbergia erecta</i> (Benth.) T. Anders.	king's mantle
V	<i>Thunbergia fragrans</i> Roxb.	sweet clock vine
V	<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i> (Rottl.) Roxb.	Bengal clock vine
US	<i>Tibouchina</i> spp.	glory bush
V	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i> (Lindl.) Lem.	Confederate jasmine
GC	<i>Tradescantia pallida</i> (Rose) D. Hunt syn: <i>Setcreasea purpurea</i> Rose	purple queen
GC	<i>Tradescantia zebrina</i> hort. ex Bosse	wandering Jew
S	<i>Triphasia trifolia</i> (Burm. f.) P. Wils.	limeberry
GC	<i>Verbena</i> spp.	verbena
US	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i> Walter	Walter's viburnum/black haw
US	<i>Viburnum odoratissimum</i> Ker-Gawl.	sweet viburnum
US	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> Raf.	rusty haw/southern black haw
US	<i>Viburnum suspensum</i> Lindl.	sandankwa viburnum
US	<i>Viburnum tinus</i> L.	laurustinus
US	<i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Compactum'	compact laurustinus
US	<i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Spring Bouquet'	spring bouquet laurustinus
V	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> (Sims) Sweet	Chinese wisteria
SS	<i>Yucca aloifolia</i> L.	Spanish bayonet
SS	<i>Yucca elephantipes</i> Regel syn: <i>Y. gigantea</i> Bak.	soft tip yucca/spineless yucca
SS	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i> L.	Adam's needle
SS	<i>Yucca gloriosa</i> L.	Spanish dagger
SS	<i>Yucca smalliana</i> Fern.	bear-grass
GC	<i>Zamia furfuracea</i> Ait.	cardboard-palm
GC	<i>Zamia pumila</i> L. syn: <i>Z. floridana</i> A. DC.	coontie
GC	<i>Zamia skinneri</i> Warsc.	pleated zamia

INDEX OF SHRUBS, GROUNDCOVERS AND VINES MOST GENERALLY SOLD BY FLORIDA NURSERIES WITH THE TYPE UNDER WHICH THEY ARE TO BE GRADED

BS - Broad Spreading **SBS** - Semi-broad Spreading

S - Spreading **G** - Globose **US** - Upright Spreading

U - Upright **C** - Columnar **GC** - Groundcover

SG - Special Grade **SS** - Specific Specifications **V** - Vines

TYPE	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
US	abelia, glossy	<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i>
BS	acerola	<i>Malpighia emarginata</i>
SS	Adam's needle	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>
US	African fern-pine	<i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i>
SS	agave, giant false-	<i>Furcraea foetida</i>
S	allamanda, bush	<i>Allamanda nerifolia</i>
V	allamanda, pink	<i>Mandevilla splendens</i>
US	allamanda, purple	<i>Allamanda violacea</i>
V	allamanda, yellow	<i>Allamanda cathartica</i>
SG	aloe	<i>Aloe spp.</i>
GC	aluminum plant	<i>Pilea cadierei</i>
BS & GC	Andorra juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Plumosa'
U	anise, Florida	<i>Illicium floridanum</i>
U	anise, Ocala/yellow	<i>Illicium parviflorum</i>
U	anise, star	<i>Illicium anisatum</i>
US	aralia	<i>Aralia spp.</i>
U	aralia, balfour-	<i>Polyscias scutellaria</i>
U	aralia, chicken gizzard-	<i>Polyscias x 'Crispata'</i>
U	aralia, fernleaf-	<i>Polyscias filicifolia</i>
U	aralia, Ming-	<i>Polyscias fruticosa</i>
U	aralia, roseleaf-	<i>Polyscias guilfoylei</i>
U	aralia, oakleaf-	<i>Polyscias x 'Quercifolia'</i>
G	arborvitae, globe	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Globosa'
GC	artillery plant	<i>Pilea microphylla</i>
SBS & GC	asparagus-fern	<i>Asparagus spp.</i>
G	azalea, coral bells	<i>Rhododendron x 'Coral Bells'</i>
G	azalea, Formosa	<i>Rhododendron x 'Formosa'</i>
G	azalea, red ruffles	<i>Rhododendron x 'Red Ruffles'</i>
GC	baby rubber plant	<i>Peperomia obtusifolia</i>
U	banana-shrub	<i>Michelia figo</i>
US	Barbados-cherry	<i>Malpighia glabra</i>
BS	barberry, Japanese	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
V	bauhinia, red	<i>Bauhinia galpinii</i>
SS	bayonet, Spanish	<i>Yucca aloifolia</i>
SS	bear-grass	<i>Yucca smalliana</i>
US	beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>
US	bird of paradise	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>
US	bird of paradise, white	<i>Strelitzia nicolai</i>
US	black haw	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>
US	black haw, southern	<i>Viburnum rifidulum</i>
V	bleeding heart	<i>Clerodendrum thomsoniae</i>
GC	blue daze	<i>Evolvulus glomeratus</i>
BS, GC, US & V	bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>

U	bottlebrush, erect	<i>Callistemon rigidus</i>
US	bottlebrush, lemon	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>
U	bottlebrush, red cluster	<i>Callis ternan</i> 'Red Cluster'
V	bower plant	<i>Pandorea jasminoides</i>
US	box-orange, Chinese	<i>Severinia buxifolia</i>
US	box-thorn	<i>Severinia buxifolia</i>
US	box-thorn, dwarf	<i>Severinia buxifolia</i> 'Nana'
US	boxwood	<i>Bunts</i> spp.
US	brush-cherry	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>
U	brush-cherry, compact	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> 'Compacta'
GC	bugleweed	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>
US	butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia</i> spp.
GC	buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
US	buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>
US	buttonwood, silver	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> var. <i>sericeus</i>
US	caesalpinia	<i>Caesalpinia</i> spp.
US	calamondin	<i>X Citrofortunella microcarpa</i>
U	calyptranthes	<i>Calyptranthes</i> spp.
US	camellia, common	<i>Camellia japonica</i>
US & SG	Cape-jasmine	<i>Gardenia augusta</i>
US & SG	Cape-yellowwood	<i>Afrocarpus falcata</i>
G OR C	caper-tree, Jamaican	<i>Capparis cynophallophora</i>
GC	cardboard	<i>Zamia furfuracea</i>
V	Carolina yellow jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
BS	cassia	<i>Cassia</i> spp.
GC	cast iron plant	<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>
V	cat's claw	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cata</i>
US	cedar, eastern red-	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
SS	century plant	<i>Agave</i> spp.
V	ceriman	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>
US	cherry, Barbados-	<i>Malpighia glabra</i>
US & SG	cherry, brush-	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>
U	cherry, compact brush-	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> 'Compacta'
US	cherry, Surinam-	<i>Eugenia uniflora</i>
US & SG	China-rose/Chinese hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i>
V	Christmas vine	<i>Parana paniculata</i>
GC	chrysanthemum	<i>Dendranthema x grandiflorum</i>
US	cleyera	<i>Cleyera japonica</i>
V	clock vine, Bengal	<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i>
V	clock vine, sweet	<i>Thunbergia fragrans</i>
US	cocoplum	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>
GC	coontie	<i>Zamia pumila</i>
U	copper-leaf	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i>
US	crepe-jasmine	<i>Tabernaemontana divaricata</i>
GC	crossandra	<i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i>
US	croton	<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i>
S	crown-of-thorns	<i>Euphorbia milii</i> var. <i>splendens</i>
SS	dagger, Spanish	<i>Yucca gloriosa</i>
G	daisy, California	<i>Gamolepis chrysanthemoides</i>
GC	daisy, marguerite	<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i>
GC	daisy, oxeye	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>
GC	daisy, seaside	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>
GC	daisy, Shasta	<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>
GC	day lily	<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.
G	dewdrop, golden	<i>Duranta erecta</i>
s	dragon tree	<i>Dracaena</i> spp.
BS	dwarf-holly	<i>Malpighia coccigera</i>
GC	elephant ear	<i>Alocasia</i> spp.
u	eugenia, African	<i>Eugenia coronata</i>
u	eugenia, eucalyptus-leaf	<i>Eugenia eucalyptoides</i>

SS false-agave, giant
 US false ipecac
 SBS & G false-heather
 US fatsia
 SS & GC fern, Boston
 SS & GC fern, Japanese hollyfern,
 GC leather
 SS & GC fern, leatherleaf
 GC fern, miniature tree
 US fern-pine, African
 GC fern, royal
 GC fern, swamp
 US fiddlewood, Florida
 U fig
 V fig, creeping
 US fire bush
 S firecracker
 GC firecracker cactus
 V fire thorn
 US Florida-privet
 V flame vine
 V flame vine, Mexican
 S fountain bush
 US gallberry
 V garlic vine
 US ginger, shell
 G globe arborvitae
 US glory bush
 US gold dust plant
 G golden dewdrop
 SS grand crinum
 US grape, seagrass,
 BS, SBS, & S Green Island ficus
 SS beargrass,
 GC palmguaava,
 G pineapple
 US haw, black
 US haw, rusty/southern black
 S hawthorn, Indian
 S hawthorn, Yedda-
 SBS heather, false
 SS hemp, Mauritius
 US hibiscus
 US & SG hibiscus, China-rose/Chinese
 G holly, Burford
 G holly, Chinese
 SBS holly, compacta
 SBS holly, convex
 U holly, Dahoon
 BS holly, dwarf
 G holly, dwarf Burford
 SBS holly, dwarf yaupon
 U holly, East Palatka
 SBS holly, Heller's
 SBS holly, Hetz
 U holly, hybrid
 G holly, Japanese
 SBS holly,nana
 U holly, Savannah
 SBS holly, Schilling's dwarf
 US holly, yaupon
 SS & GC holly-fern, Japanese
 V honeysuckle, Cape

Furcraea foetida
Psychotria nervosa
Cuphea hyssopifolia
Fatsia japonica
Nephrolepis exaltata
Cyrtomium falcatum
Acrostichum daneifolium
Rumohra adiantiformis
Blechnum gibbum
Afrocarpus gracilior
Osmunda regalis
Blechnum serrulatum
Citharexylum fruticosum
Ficus spp.
Ficus pumila
Hamelia patens
Russelia equisetiformis
Cleistocactus spp.
Pyracantha spp.
Forestiera segregata
Pyrostegia venusta
Pseudogynoxys chenopodioides
Russelia equisetiformis
Ilex glabra
Cydista aequinoctialis
Alpinia spp.
Thuja occidentalis 'Globosa'
Tibouchina spp.
Aucuba japonica
Duranta erecta
Crinum asiaticum
Coccoloba uvifera
Ficus microcarpa
Yucca smalliana
Curculigo capitulata
Acca sellowiana
Viburnum obovatum
Viburnum rufidulum
Rhaphiolepis indica
Rhaphiolepis umbellata
Cuphea hyssopifolia
Furcraea foetida
Hibiscus spp.
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis
Ilex corn uta 'Burfordii'
Ilex cornuta
Ilex crenata 'Compacta'
Ilex crenata 'Convexa'
Ilex cassine
Malpighia coccigera
Ilex corn uta 'Dwarf Burford'
Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'
Ilex x attenuata 'East Palatka'
Ilex crenata 'Helleri'
Ilex crenata 'Hetzii'
Ilex x attenuata
Ilex crenata
Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'
Ilex x attenuata 'Savannah'
Ilex x vomitoria 'Schilling's Dwarf'
Ilex vomitoria
Cyrtomium falcatum
Tecomaria capensis

V	honeysuckle, Hall's Japanese	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> 'Halliana'
V	honeysuckle, trumpet	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>
V	hunter's robe	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>
G	hydrangea, garden	<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>
US	hydrangea, oakleaf	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>
GC	ice plant	<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>
S	Indian-hawthorn	<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i>
U	indigo-berry, white	<i>Randia aculeata</i>
US	ipecac, false	<i>Pschotria nervosa</i>
US	ixora	<i>Ixora</i> spp.
US	ixora, Maui	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> 'Maui'
US	ixora, Norah Grant	<i>Ixora</i> 'Norah Grant'
US	ixora, Singapore	<i>Ixora</i> 'Singapore'
V	ivy, Algerian	<i>Hedera canariensis</i>
GC & V	ivy, English	<i>Hedera helix</i>
GC	Jacob's / Joseph's Coat	<i>Alternanthera ficoidea</i>
S	jasmine, Arabian	<i>Jasminum sambac</i>
US & SG	jasmine, Cape	<i>Gardenia augusta</i>
V	jasmine, Confederate	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>
US	jasmine, crepe	<i>Tabernaemontana divaricata</i>
S&V	jasmine, downy/star	<i>Jasminum multiflorum</i>
V	jasmine, Gold Coast	<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i>
S	jasmine, Italian	<i>Jasminum humi/e</i>
S&V	jasmine, pinwheel/shiny	<i>Jasminum nitidum</i>
S	jasmine, poet's	<i>Jasminum officinale</i>
S	jasmine, primrose	<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>
S	jasmine, showy	<i>Jasminum floridum</i>
S	jasmine, wax	<i>Jasminum volubile</i>
V	jessamine, Carolina yellow	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
US	jessamine, night blooming	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i>
BS & G	juniper, Andorra	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Plumosa'
BS	juniper, Armstrong	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Armstrongii'
BS	juniper, Bar Harbour	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Bar Harbor'
BS	juniper, blue Pacific	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> 'Blue Pacific'
BS & G	juniper, blue rug	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Wiltonii'
BS	juniper, blue sargent	<i>Juniperus sargentii</i> 'Glauca'
G	juniper, blue vase	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Blaauw'
BS	juniper, dwarf procumbent	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i> 'Nana'
BS	juniper, compacta	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> 'Compacta'
BS	juniper, emerald sea	<i>Juniperus conferta</i> 'Emerald Sea'
U	juniper, Fairview	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Fairview'
BS	juniper, Gold Coast	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Gold Coast'
SBS	juniper, gold tip Pfitzer	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana Aurea'
S	juniper, green Pfitzer	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana'
BS	juniper, green sargent	<i>Juniperus sargentii</i> 'Viridis'
G	juniper, Hetz	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Hetzii'
U	juniper, hollywood	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Kaizuka'
BS	juniper, hybrid	<i>Juniperus x media</i>
BS	juniper, Japanese garden	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i>
SBS	juniper, Nick's compact	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana compacta'
BS	juniper, old gold	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Old Gold'
BS	juniper, Parson's	<i>Juniperus davurica</i> 'Expansa'
S	juniper, Pfitzer	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana'
BS	juniper, Prince of Wales	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Prince of Wales'
BS	juniper, procumbent	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i>
BS	Juniper, prostrate	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>
US	Juniper, robusta green	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Robusta Green'

SBS	juniper, sargent	<i>Juniperus sargentii</i>
S	juniper, sea green	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Sea Green'
BS	juniper, shore	<i>Juniperus conferta</i>
G	juniper, silver blue	<i>Juniperus x media</i> 'Pfitzeriana Glauca'
U & SG	juniper, Sylvester	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Sylvestris'
U	juniper, twisted	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Kaizuka'
U	king's mantle	<i>Thunbergia erecta</i>
G	Christmas cheer azalea	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Christmas Cheer'
US	laurustinus	<i>Viburnum tinus</i>
US	laurustinus, compact	<i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Compactum'
US	laurustinus, spring bouquet	<i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Spring Bouquet'
US	lignum-vitae	<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>
SS	lily, Florida swamp	<i>Crinum americanum</i>
SS	lily, giant string	<i>Crinum augustum</i>
SS	lily, poison bulb, grand crinum	<i>Crinum asiaticum</i>
SS	lily, string	<i>Crinum americanum</i>
GC	lilyturf	<i>Liriope muscari</i>
GC	lily-of-the-Nile	<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>
S	lime berry	<i>Triphasia trifolia</i>
U	magnolia, saucer	<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>
U	magnolia, star	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>
GC	marguerite daisy	<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i>
SS	Mauritius-hemp	<i>Furcraea foetida</i>
SBS & GC	Mexican-heather	<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>
GC	mondo-grass	<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>
V	morning glory	<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.
GC	Moses-in-the-cradle	<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i>
GC	mother-in-law's tongue	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i>
US	myrsine	<i>Rapanea punctata</i>
U	myrtle	<i>Myrtus communis</i>
G	myrtle, dwarf	<i>Myrtus communis</i> 'Compacta'
C	nagi	<i>Nageia nagi</i>
BS	natal-plum	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i>
BS	natal-plum, Albert	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Albert'
BS	natal-plum, boxwood beauty	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Boxwood Beauty'
BS	natal-plum, emerald blanket	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Emerald Blanket'
U	necklace pod	<i>Sophora tomentosa</i>
SS	needle, Adam's	<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>
V	nephthytis	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>
US	night blooming jessamine	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i>
US	oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>
US	oleander, dwarf	<i>Nerium oleander</i> 'Dwarf'
US	olive, tea	<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>
GC	palmetto, saw	<i>Serenoa repens</i>
GC	palm-grass	<i>Curculigo capitulata</i>
V	passion flower	<i>Passiflora</i> spp.
GC	Peter Pan	<i>Agapanthus africanus</i> 'Peter Pan'
GC	petunia, wild	<i>Ruellia</i> spp.
US	Philippine-violet	<i>Barleria cristata</i>
V	philodendron	<i>Philodendron</i> spp.
G	philodendron	<i>Philodendron bipinnatifidum</i>
US	photinia, hybrid/red tip	<i>Photinia x fraseri</i>

US	photinia, red-leaf/red-tip	<i>Photinia glabra</i>
GC	pilea, stoplight	<i>Pilea serpyllifolia</i> 'Stoplight'
G	pineapple-guava	<i>Acca sellowiana</i>
G	pittosporum, Japanese	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>
G	pittosporum, Philippine	<i>Pittosporum pentandrum</i>
G	pittosporum, rusty	<i>Pittosporum ferrugineum</i>
G	pittosporum, variegated	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Variegata'
S	pittosporum, Wheeler's	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Wheeler's Dwarf'
U	plantain, wild-plum, natal; see natal-plum	<i>Heliconia</i> spp.
S	plumbago	<i>Plumbago</i> spp.
C	podocarpus, Japanese yew	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>
C	podocarpus, Maki-yew	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> 'Maki'
C	podocarpus, nagi	<i>Nageia nagi</i>
US	podocarpus, weeping	<i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i>
SS	poison bulb	<i>Crinum asiaticum</i>
SG	pony tail	<i>Nolina recurvata</i>
US	powderpuff	<i>Calliandra</i> spp.
US	privet, Florida-	<i>Forestiera segregata</i>
US	privet, Japanese/wax	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>
GC	purple queen	<i>Tradescantia pallida</i>
V	purple wreath	<i>Petrea volubilis</i>
V	queen's wreath	<i>Petrea volubilis</i>
US	red-cedar, eastern	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
SG	rose	<i>Rosa</i> spp.
US	rusty haw	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>
US	sage, Texas-	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>
US	Sandankwa viburnum	<i>Viburnum suspensum</i>
US	sakaki	<i>Cleyera japonica</i>
US	sasanqua	<i>Camellia sasanqua</i>
G	scaevola	<i>Scaevola</i> spp.
US	scarlet bush	<i>Hamelia patens</i>
U	schefflera	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>
S	schefflera, dwarf	<i>Schefflera arboricola</i>
US	sea grape	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>
G	selloum	<i>Philodendron bipinnatifidum</i>
G	shower-of-gold	<i>Galphimia glauca</i>
US	shrimp plant	<i>Justicia brandegeana</i>
V	sickle thorn	<i>Asparagus falcatus</i>
S	silverthorn	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>
US	snail seed	<i>Cocculus laurifolius</i>
GC	snake plant	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i>
SS	Spanish bayonet	<i>Yucca aloifolia</i>
SS	Spanish dagger	<i>Yucca gloriosa</i>
GC	spider plant	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>
SBS & GC	sprengeri	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>
GC	spiraea, Reeves	<i>Spiraea cantoniensis</i>
V	star flower	<i>Grewia occidentalis</i>
V	star of India	<i>Grewia caffra</i>
V	stephanotis, Madagascar	<i>Stephanotis floribunda</i>
U	stopper, redberry	<i>Eugenia confusa</i>
US	stopper, Simpson's	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i> var. <i>simpsonii</i>
U	stopper, Spanish	<i>Eugenia foetida</i>
US	strawberry-bush	<i>Euonymus</i> spp.
GC	tail flower	<i>Anthurium</i> spp.

US	tetrazygia, Florida	<i>Tetrazygia bicolor</i>
US	Texas-sage	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>
G	thryallis	<i>Galphimia glauca</i>
US	ti	<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>
GC	tickseed, nana	<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>
V	trumpet, herald's	<i>Beaumontia grandiflora</i>
V	trumpet, painted	<i>Clytostoma callistegioides</i>
V	trumpet vine, pink	<i>Podranea ricasoliana</i>
U	umbrella tree, Queensland	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>
U	varnish leaf	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>
GC	verbena	<i>Verbena</i> spp.
US	viburnum, Sandankwa	<i>Viburnum suspensum</i>
US	viburnum, sweet	<i>Viburnum odoratissimum</i>
US	viburnum, Walter's	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>
US	violet, Phillippine-	<i>Barleria cristata</i>
GC	wandering Jew	<i>Tradescantia zebrina</i>
GC	wedelia	<i>Complaya trilobata</i>
GC	wild-petunia	<i>Ruellia</i> spp.
U	wild-plantain	<i>Heliconia</i> spp.
U	wild-coffee	<i>Polyscias</i> spp.
US	wild-coffee	<i>Psychotria nervosa</i>
V	wisteria, Chinese	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>
V	wreath, purple/queen's	<i>Petrea volubilis</i>
S	Yedda-hawthorn	<i>Rhaphiolepis umbellata</i>
US	yellowwood, Cape	<i>Afrocarpus Jalcatus</i>
C	yew, Japanese-	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>
C	yew, Maki-	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> 'Maki'
SS	yucca, soft tip/spineless	<i>Yucca elephantipes</i>
GC	zamia, pleated	<i>Zamia skinneri</i>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

SHRUBS, GROUNDCOVERS AND VINES

Air layer (Chinese marcottage, marcott or mossaing): A well-rooted cutting which was rooted on the stem of the parent plant by using a damp medium.

Average height: The distance measured in feet and/ or inches from the soil line to the average top of the plant.

Average spread: The distance measured in feet and/ or inches across the average diameter of the plant.

Balled and burlapped (B&B): A soil ball containing roots of the plant wrapped and secured in natural or treated burlap, and/ or wire.

Bare-root: Plants, with roots free of soil.

Branching, Uniform: Branches or canes should encircle the main stem or trunk to produce a full-shaped plant. If branching is not uniform, the plant can be one-sided, fan-shaped, contain depressed areas and be undesirable in shape.

Caliper: Minimum trunk diameter at a predetermined point of measurement.

Canes: A primary stem which starts from the ground or close to the ground at a point no higher than $\frac{1}{4}$ the height of the plant.

Chlorosis: A lightness or bleaching (typically yellow) of green color in the foliage unlike the normal color. This indicates that the plant has not been maintained in the best of health.

Collected: Native palms, trees or shrubs not nursery-grown but dug and transplanted from the wild, such as oaks, pines, *Sabal palmetto*, *Illicium*, etc., must be invoiced or labeled 'COLLECTED' with the exception of *Sabal palmetto* palms, which will be assumed to be collected if they are a larger size than would normally grow in a 5-gallon container.

Crown: Main point of branching.

Cutting: An unrooted piece of a plant for vegetative propagation.

Dense foliage: Multitudinous breaks making a close, compact foliage through which light is not discernible, or barely so. Produced by consistent pruning and proper spacing, together with exceptional cultural practice.

Dripline: The outer perimeter of the top of a tree or plant.

Espalier: Any plant that is pruned and shaped against a trellis or wall in a formal or unusual manner different from the normal growth of that species.

Excessively root bound: When the volume of roots has replaced most of the soil, and when the mass has grown to the extent that large roots break out of the container, or the plant stops growing.

Extreme succulence: Any plant, palm or tree whose growth is soft or tender and has been excessively pushed by extreme amounts of water and fertilizer to the extent that it will wilt and suffer severe shock when transplanted.

Good leaves: Have normal size, color and texture characteristic of the species. May show very minor pest damage on a few individual leaves.

Grade: A descriptive index of the quality of a nursery plant.

Light foliage: Approximately 50% compactness of foliage with thin, sparse branching and, as a result, more light and open foliage than medium.

Liner: Any rooted cutting, air layer or seedling plant which has a firmly established root system but which is still small and immature.

Medium foliage: Approximately 75% or more of the amount of compactness as dense foliage. Can be seen through readily.

Minimum average spread: The minimum acceptable width requirement established for each plant grade; usually measured in feet.

Perfect leaves: Show the deep color characteristic of the variety with no damage or imperfection of any kind on leaves, leaflets or petioles.

Pests: Includes diseases, either pathological or physiological, viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects, snails, mites, nematodes, land crabs, terrapins, animals, rodents, reptiles and parasitic plants.

Potted or container-grown: A plant grown in a container such as a pot or can.

Rooted cutting: A cutting which has calloused and produced roots. Applies equally to cuttings rooted in a propagation bed or in individual containers.

Standards: The qualities and characteristics which a nursery plant must attain for a grade.

Sturdily established in ball: The soil must be heavy enough or contain sufficient moisture before digging to hold together without any breaking, cracking or crumbling and be securely pinned, tied or wired tight so the main trunk or stem cannot be loosened from the soil.

Sturdily established in container: When the main trunk or stem has developed sufficient roots to extensively penetrate the soil and become incorporated into it.

Time of delivery: When the seller releases control of a plant(s) to the buyer regardless of location.

Total height: The distance from the ground to the top most portion of the plant.

Total spread: The distance measured in feet and/or inches across the greatest diameter of the plant.

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WETLAND PLANTS

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GRADING WETLAND PLANTS

INTRODUCTION

Wetland plants are most commonly used for wetland creation (mitigation) and aquascaping. The species listed in this chapter are representative of this vegetation category. The list is not intended to be complete. Other species not listed herein may be included in this category as appropriate.

Standards for wetland trees are contained within this manual beginning on page 3 of the tree section, except for mangroves listed in this section. Grades established for trees (Florida Fancy, Florida No. 1,

Florida No. 2) do not apply when these trees are used for mitigation purposes. Downgrading factors listed in this section apply to trees, as well as other wetland plants, when these plants are used for mitigation or aquascaping.

The collection, possession, cultivation and transportation of wetland plant species may require a permit from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

STANDARDS FOR WETLAND PLANTS

1. Specimens shall be free of other plants considered as nuisance or exotic species. Examples include, but are not limited to, Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*), torpedo grass (*Panicum repens*), hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*), primrose willow (*Ludwigia peruviana*) and cattail (*Typha* spp.).
2. Non-containerized specimens (includes plugs or bare root specimens, either nursery grown or wild harvested):
 - a. Shall exhibit a healthy, well-distributed root structure which extensively penetrates the soil such that at least 75% of the soil mass remains intact. Not applicable to bare root specimens (see Fig. 2a, p. 6).
 - b. Shall exhibit sufficient top growth to ensure viability at the specified water depth or location. Seasonal dieback of foliage is expected and acceptable in collected specimens.
3. Containerized specimens:
 - a. Shall exhibit a healthy, well-distributed root structure which extensively penetrates the soil such that at least 90% of the soil mass remains intact (see Fig. 3a & b, p. 6).
 - b. Shall exhibit vigorous top growth with a base diameter at least 50% of the diameter of the container (see Fig. 3c, p. 6).
4. Specimens in containers 4 inches diameter or less must be grown in those containers for a minimum of 30 days. Specimens in containers greater than 4 inches diameter must be grown in those containers for a minimum of 45 days.
5. The specimen is unacceptable if one of the following conditions are true:
 - a. More than 25% of the total foliage damaged by insects or mechanical injury (see Fig. 4a, p. 7).
 - b. Too few main lateral or feeder roots (see Fig. 4b, p. 7).
 - c. Roots damaged by digging cuts or exposure to light, air or temperature (see Fig. 4c, p. 7).
 - d. Rootbound conditions (see Fig. 4d, p. 7).

STANDARDS FOR RED¹ AND BLACK² MANGROVES

	Seedling	Black 1 gallon	Red 1 gallon	Black 3 gallon	Red 3 gallon
Height	*	14"	20"	24"	36"
Caliper (min)	*	¼"	½"	½"	¾"
Crown (min)	*	4"	6"	18"	24"
Roots	*	6" branched	6"	12" branched	12"
Time in container (min)	*	6 months	6 months	9 months	9 months

1. *Rhizophora mangle* L.

2. *Avicennia germinans* (L.) L.

* Plants which fail to meet minimum criteria for 1 gallon standard are considered seedlings.

Figure 1.



red mangrove
Rhizophora mangle L.



black mangrove
Avicennia germinans (L.) L.

WETLAND TREES (excluding red and black mangroves)

	Seedling	1 gallon	3 gallon	7 gallon
Height	>18"	18 - 36"	40 - 72"	60 - 84"
Caliper (min)	>¼"	¼"	⅜"	¾"
Roots	Fully rooted in pot but not rootbound			
Crown (min)	>4"	4"	12"	24"
Time in Container (min)	60 days	90 days	90 days	90 days

WETLAND SHRUBS

	Seedling	1 gallon	3 gallon
Height	6 - 12"	10 - 15"	15 - 24"
Roots	Fully rooted in pot but not rootbound		
Time in Container (min)	45 days	60 days	60 days

WETLAND HERBS

	2 inch pot	4 inch pot	1 gallon
Roots	Fully rooted	Fully rooted	Fully rooted
Time in Container (min)	45 days	45 days	45 days

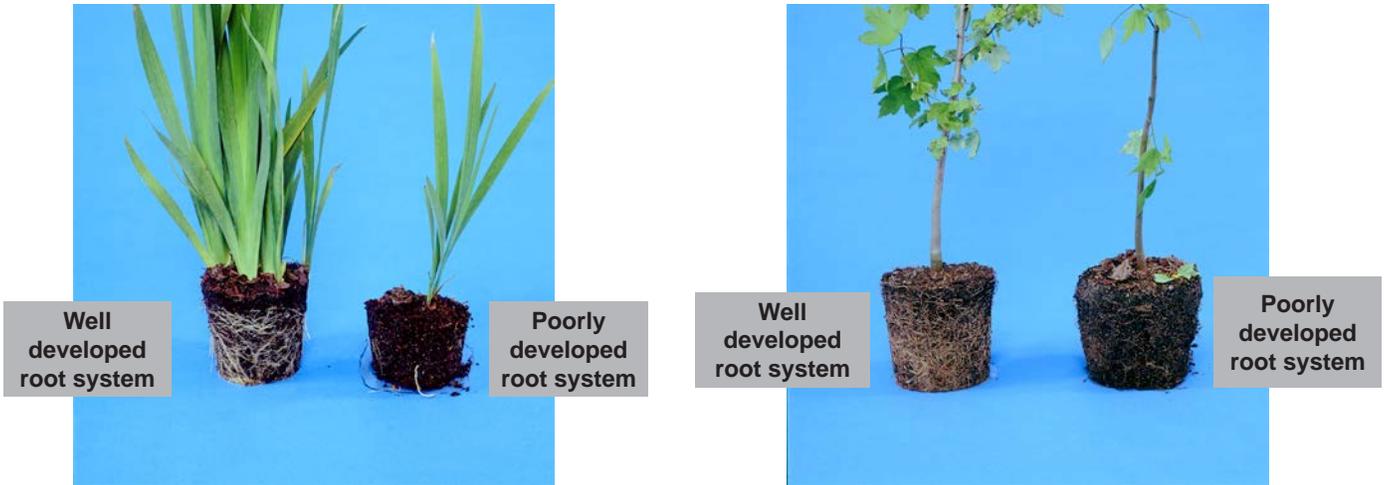
GENERAL GRADING STANDARDS FOR WETLAND PLANTS

Figure 2. Bare Root Specimens



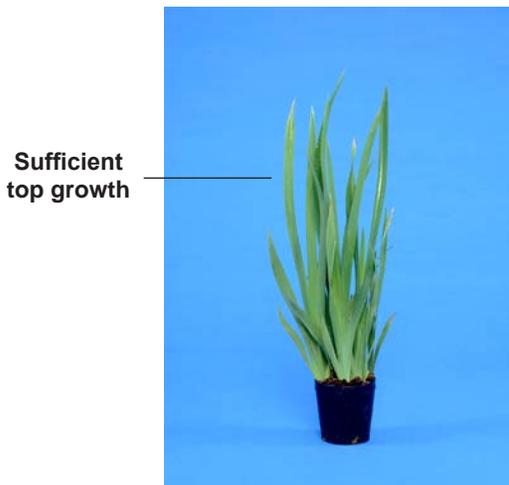
a. *Iris* sp.

Figure 3. Containerized Specimens

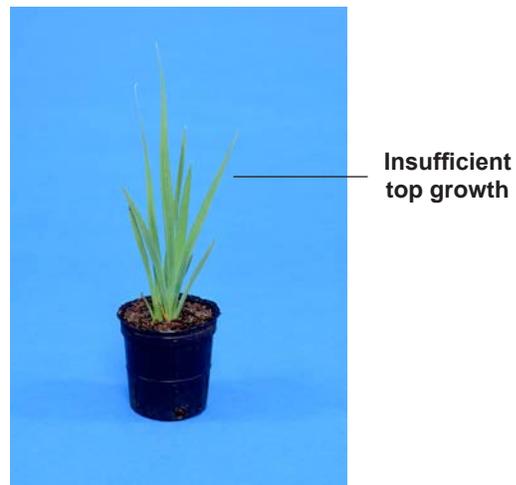


a. *Iris virginica*

b. *Acer rubrum*



c. *Iris virginica*



d. *Iris virginica*

DOWNGRADING FACTORS

Figure 4.



a. *Thalia* sp.
More than 25% of total foliage damaged by insects.



b. *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
Insufficient lateral and feeder roots.



c. *Juncus effusus* (collected specimens)
Roots damaged by digging.



d. *Acer rubrum* (containerized specimen)
root bound .

INDEX OF WETLAND SHRUBS

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Alnus serrulata (Aiton)Willd.
Baccharis angustifolia Michx.
Batis maritima L.
Cephalanthus occidentalis L.
Clethra alnifolia L.
Cliftonia monophylla (Lam.) Britton ex Sarg.
Conocarpus erectus L.
Cornus foemina Mill.
Crataegus aestivalis (Walter)Torr. & A.Gray
Cyrilla racemiflora L.
Forestiera acuminata (Michx.)Poir.
Hypericum fasciculatum Lam.
Ilex coriacea (Pursh)Chapm.
Ilex decidua Walter
Ilex myrtifolia Walter
Illicium floridanum J.Ellis
Itea virginica L.
Iva spp.
Litsea aestivalis (L.)Fernald
Lyonia lucida (Lam.)K.Koch
Myrica cerifera L.
Myrica inodora W.Bartram
Rosa palustris Marsh.
Styrax americanus Lam.
Symplocos tinctoria (L.)L'Hér.
Viburnum rufidulum Raf.

COMMON NAME

American snowbell, storax
 black titi
 buttonbush
 buttonwood
 coastal sweetpepper bush
 eastern swamp privet
 fetterbush
 Florida anise
 hazel alder
 large gallberry; sweet gallberry
 marsh-elder
 May haw
 myrtle holly
 odorless bayberry
 pondspice
 possumhaw
 rusty blackhaw
 saltwater false willow
 saltwort; turtleweed
 sandweed; peelbark St. John's-wort
 swamp dogwood
 swamp rose
 sweetleaf; horse sugar
 titi
 Virginia willow; Virginia sweetspire
 wax myrtle

COMMON NAME

hazel alder
 saltwater false willow
 saltwort; turtleweed
 buttonbush
 coastal sweetpepper bush
 black titi
 buttonwood
 swamp dogwood
 May haw
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 marsh-elder
 pondspice
 fetterbush
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 odorless bayberry
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 American snowbell, storax
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 rusty blackhaw

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Styrax americanus Lam.
Cliftonia monophylla (Lam.) Britton ex Sarg.
Cephalanthus occidentalis L.
Conocarpus erectus L.
Clethra alnifolia L.
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Itea virginica L.
Myrica cerifera L.

INDEX OF WETLAND SEDGES

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Carex atlantica</i> L.H. Bailey ssp. <i>capillacea</i> (L.H. Bailey) Reznicek	prickly bog sedge
<i>Carex decomposita</i> Muhl.	cypress knee sedge
<i>Carex leptalea</i> Wahlenb.	bristly stalked sedge
<i>Carex stipata</i> Muhl. ex Willd.	awl fruit sedge
<i>Cladium mariscus</i> (L.) Pohl ssp. <i>jamaicense</i> (Crantz) Kük.	sawgrass
<i>Cyperus articulatus</i> L.	jointed flat sedge
<i>Cyperus haspan</i> L.	haspan flat sedge
<i>Cyperus odoratus</i> L.	fragrant flat sedge
<i>Eleocharis</i> spp.	spike rush
<i>Fimbristylis caroliniana</i> (Lam.) Fern.	Carolina fimbry
<i>Fimbristylis dichotoma</i> (L.) Vahl	forked fimbry
<i>Fimbristylis spadicea</i> (L.) Vahl	marsh fimbry
<i>Fimbristylis vahlii</i> (Lam.) Link	Vahl's fimbry
<i>Fuirena scirpoidea</i> Michx.	southern umbrella sedge
<i>Fuirena squarrosa</i> Michx.	hairy umbrella sedge
<i>Rhynchospora colorata</i> (L.) H.Pfeiff.	star rush whitetop
<i>Rhynchospora corniculata</i> (Lam.) A. Gray	shortbristle horned beaksedge
<i>Rhynchospora divergens</i> Chapman ex M.A. Curtis	spreading beaksedge
<i>Rhynchospora inundata</i> (Oakes) Fern.	narrow fruit horned beak sedge
<i>Rhynchospora latifolia</i> (Baldwin) W.W. Thomas	giant whitetop sedge
<i>Rhynchospora microcarpa</i> Baldwin ex A. Gray	southern beak sedge
<i>Rhynchospora miliacea</i> (Lam.) A. Gray	millet beak sedge
<i>Rhynchospora mixta</i> Britton ex Small	mingled beak sedge
<i>Rhynchospora tracyi</i> Britton	Tracy's beak sedge
<i>Schoenoplectiella erecta</i> (Poir.) Lye	sharp scale bulrush
<i>Schoenoplectus etuberculatus</i> (Steud.) Soják	Canby's bulrush
<i>Schoenoplectus robustus</i> (Pursh) M.T. Strong	salt marsh bulrush
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i> (C.C. Gmel.) Palla	soft stem bulrush
<i>Schoenus nigricans</i> L.	black bogrush
<i>Schoenoplectus americanus</i> (Pers.) Volkart ex Schinz & R. Keller	American bulrush
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i> (L.) Kunth	woolgrass
<i>Scleria</i> spp.	nut-rush

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COMMON NAME

American bulrush
awl fruit sedge
black bogrush
bristly stalked sedge
Canby's bulrush
Carolina fimbry
Cuban bulrush
cypress knee sedge
ditch fimbry
forked fimbry
fragrant flat sedge
giant whitetop sedge
hairy umbrella sedge
Harper's fimbry
haspan flat sedge
jointed flat sedge
marsh fimbry
millet beak sedge
mingled beak sedge
narrow fruit horned beak sedge
nut-rush
prickly bog sedge
salt marsh bulrush
sawgrass
sharp scale bulrush
short bristle horned beak sedge
soft stem bulrush
southern beaksedge
southern umbrella sedge
spike rush
spreading beak sedge
star rush whitetop
Tracy's beak sedge
umbrella plant
Vahl's fimbry
woolgrass

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Scirpus americanus (Pers.) Volkart ex Schinz & R. Keller
Carex stipata Muhl. ex Willd.
Schoenus nigricans L.
Carex leptalea Wahlenb.
Schoenoplectus etuberculatus (Steud.) Soják
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Rhynchospora mixta Britton ex Small
Rhynchospora inundata (Oakes) Fern.
Scleria spp.
Carex atlantica L.H. Bailey ssp. *capillacea* (L.H. Bailey) Reznicek
Schoenoplectus robustus (Pursh) M.T. Strong
Cladium mariscus (L.) Pohl ssp. *jamaicense* (Crantz) Kük.
Schoenoplectiella erecta (Poir.) Lye
Rhynchospora corniculata (Lam.) A. Gray
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani (C.C. Gmel.) Palla
Rhynchospora microcarpa Baldwin ex A. Gray
Fuirena scirpoidea Michx.
Eleocharis spp.
Rhynchospora divergens Chapman ex M.A. Curtis
Rhynchospora colorata (L.) H. Pfeiff.
Rhynchospora tracyi Britton
Cyperus involucratus Rottb.
Fimbristylis vahlii (Lam.) Link
Scirpus cyperinus (L.) Kunth

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SCIENTIFIC NAME

Aristida spp.
Arundinaria gigantea (Walter) Walter ex Muhl.
Axonopus furcatus (Flüggé) Hitchc.
Distichlis spicata (L.) Greene
Leersia spp.
Luziola fluitans (Michx.) Terrell & H. Rob.
Monanthochloe littoralis Engelm.
Muhlenbergia capillaris (Lam.) Trin.
Muhlenbergia schreberi J.F. Gmel.
Panicum hemitomom Schult.
Panicum rigidulum Bosc ex Nees
Panicum virgatum L.
Paspalum distichum L.
Paspalum repens P.J. Bergius
Phanopyrum gymnocarpon (Elliott) Nash
Spartina alterniflora Loisel.
Spartina bakeri Merr.
Spartina patens (Aiton) Muhl.
Spartina spartinae (Trin.) Merr. ex Hitchc.
Sporobolus virginicus (L.) Kunth
Zizania aquatica L.
Zizaniopsis miliacea (Michx.) Döll & Asch.

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three-awn grasses
giant cane, switch cane
big carpetgrass
saltgrass
cutgrass
southern watergrass
key grass, shoregrass
gulf muhly, hairy awn muhly
nimblewill muhly
maidencane
redtop panicum
switchgrass
knotgrass
water paspalum
savannah panicum
smooth cordgrass
sand cordgrass
saltmeadow cordgrass
gulf cordgrass
coastal dropseed
annual wild rice
southern wild rice

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Panicum virgatum L.
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INDEX OF WETLAND RUSHES

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Juncus acuminatus Michx.
Juncus bufonius L.
Juncus canadensis J. Gay ex Laharpe
Juncus coriaceus Mack.
Juncus debilis A. Gray
Juncus dichotomus Elliott
Juncus diffusissimus Buckley
Juncus effusus L.
Juncus elliotii Chapm.
Juncus gymnocarpus Coville
Juncus marginatus Rostk.
Juncus megacephalus M.A. Curtis
Juncus pelocarpus E.Mey.
Juncus polycephalus Michx.
Juncus repens Michx.
Juncus roemerianus Scheele
Juncus scirpoides Lam.
Juncus tenuis Willd.

COMMON NAME

tapertip rush
toad rush
Canadian rush
leathery rush
weak rush
forked rush
slimpod rush
soft rush
bog rush
Pennsylvania rush, Coville's rush
shore rush, grassleaf rush
bighead rush
annual rush
manyhead rush
lesser creeping rush
needle rush
needlepod rush
path rush

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SCIENTIFIC NAME

Bacopa caroliniana (Walter) B.L. Rob.
Bacopa monnieri (L.) Pennell
Canna flaccida Salisb.
Crinum americanum L.
Habenaria repens Nutt.
Hymenocallis spp.
Iris hexagona Walter
Lachnanthes caroliniana (Lam.) Dandy
Lobelia cardinalis L.
Lobelia glandulosa Walter
Ludwigia repens J.R. Forst.
Nelumbo lutea Willd.
Nuphar lutea (L.) Sm.
Nymphaea odorata Aiton
Nymphoides aquatica (J.F.Gmel.) Kuntze
Orontium aquaticum L.
Peltandra sagittifolia (Michx.) Morong
Peltandra virginica (L.) Schott
Polygonum spp.
Pontederia cordata L.
Sagittaria spp.
Saururus cernuus L.
Thalia geniculata L.
Xyris spp.

COMMON NAME

blue-waterhyssop, lemon bacopa
 waterhyssop, herb-of-grace
 golden canna, bandanna-of-the-Everglades
 swamp lily, string lily
 water-spider orchid, floating orchid
 spiderlilies
 dixie iris, prairie iris
 red-root
 cardinal flower
 glades lobelia
 creeping primrose willow
 American lotus
 spadder dock
 fragrant water-lily
 banana-lily, big floating heart
 golden club
 spoon flower
 green arrow arum
 smartweed, knotweed
 pickerelweed
 arrowhead
 lizard's tail
 alligatorflag, fireflag
 yelloweyed-grass

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alligatorflag, fireflag
 American lotus
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Xyris spp.

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