



**3. Mulching Trees**

Will you mulch your trees and if so, how will you maintain mulch?

**4. Staking and Tying Trees**

Explain if staking is necessary due to mowing, vandalism, or wind conditions, and describe plans for inspection and removal.

**5. Checking Tree Health**

The grantee will check trees every 6 – 12 months to identify and address problems. Describe inspection process and follow-up.

**6. Tree Protection**

Young trees in busy urban areas may be easily damaged by human activity, animals, and equipment. Describe how planted trees will be protected.

**7. Pruning**

Newly planted trees should need little pruning, if they were properly cared for in the nursery. In the first year after planting, remove only dead or broken branches. In later years, weakly attached limbs can be removed, and corrective pruning can be done if needed. Describe your pruning maintenance cycle.

**8. Tree Warranty**

Tree planting should include a warranty from the nursery for replacement (due to poor condition or mortality). The grantee should be prepared to fully replace all trees that are in poor condition or die prior to inspection at the end of the project grant agreement, unless loss was due to natural disaster. Describe your tree warranty or how trees will be replaced.