

will range from 2.5 to 3.5 inches.

- Retention areas, and other areas too wet for proper mowing, will be mowed when the ground is firm enough to allow for normal mowing procedures.

Edging:

- Edging will be performed on a bi-weekly basis during the mowing months and monthly during the winter months.
- All perimeter lawn areas adjacent to paved surfaces or structural edges, such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, curbing, headers and retaining walls, will be edged with a “blade edger” in order to maintain clean, crisp and consistent edge lines.
- Beds will be kept clean and well defined around color beds, shrub beds, open beds and tree trunks. This is done to prevent encroachment from lawn and other adjacent materials.

Weed Control:

- Weed control of plant beds will be performed as necessary to control weed population and maintain healthy plants.
- Weed control will be performed on a weekly basis in order to conform to the mowing schedule.
- Weed control in tree rings, plant beds, open beds, joint in walkways, decks, curbs and drives will be performed using appropriate manual (hand pulling) and/or chemical (herbicide) control methods. When it is necessary and practical to use chemical control, pre- and post-emergent herbicides will be applied. This is to avoid injury to adjacent desirable plants or contribute to build up of toxic elements in the soil.

Pruning and Trimming:

- Selective pruning will be performed on all ornamental trees less than 6 inches in diameter, all shrubs and planting material.
- Trees will be trimmed or pruned up to a height of 12 feet. No limbs larger than 2 inches in diameter will be removed.
- Trees taller than 12 feet and limbs larger than 2 inches in diameter will be trimmed or removed at an additional cost.
- Ground covers and vines will be sheared as necessary in a uniform manner to maintain neat, clean edges, surfaces and overall appearance.
- Shrubs and hedges will be sheared and pruned in a consistent manner to maintain optimum shape and size as growth habit dictates according to the individual potential for each variety.
- Large shrubs and small trees less than 12 feet in height will be selectively thinned to remove deteriorated or dead woods, foliage and interfering branches.
- Tree maintenance will be done to ensure suckers from the trunk/base will be eliminated and low hanging limbs are removed.