

STANDARD SPECIFICATION

NATURESTRIP MAINTENANCE PRUNING

Specifications contained herein are designed to govern the quality of work performed by contractors whilst engaged in the pruning of street trees in the municipality of Darwin.

- Contractor and staff are to obey all Work Health rules and regulations for duration of work.
- Contractor must provide details of public liability insurance to \$20,000,000 included in submission of quote.
- All personal protective equipment, safety equipment and safety signage must be supplied by Contractor and to be displayed/worn when appropriate. This will be overseen by Council representative. Failure to comply will result in the immediate cessation of work until matter is resolved to the satisfaction of Council representative.
- All pruning work performed must adhere to AS 4373-1996 – “Pruning of Amenity Trees”. All finishing cuts are to be made as close as possible to the branch collar without damage to the branch collar or leaving a protruding stub beyond the branch collar. Acceptance of work performed may depend on quality of pruning cuts.
- Branches requiring removal must not be lopped, (as per clause 10 AS 4373). All branches to be removed must be removed at branch junctions unless property boundary intersects branch/frond to be removed.
- Epicormic growth arising from main trunks of trees must be removed in a manner that does not injure the tree or produce further epicormic growth.
- Where applicable, trees are to be “Crown Lifted” to height of 3 meters over nature strips and to a height of 4.5 meters over kerb lines, without compromising trees natural structure.
- A pedestrian corridor of 2 meters wide and height of 3 meters is to be provided on both sides of streets. This may include vegetation overhanging nature strips from private property. Where plants natural structure will be compromised, please inform Council representative of exact location for assessment.
- Contractor is to ensure that all staff working on site are familiar with and understand specifications governing this work.
- Contractor is to notify Council representative immediately if damage occurs as a result of contractor activities, to any infrastructure, that being public or private property. All damage is to be re-instated at Contractor’s expense within 7 working days of occurrence and decision of acceptance of such work performed shall remain with Council representative.

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- Contractor shall completely clean up work site by 6.00pm each day. This is all debris generated from work activities, including but not limited to, all leaf debris, sawdust, branches and twigs. All cut trunks, branches and foliage are to be chipped and removed to nominated area.
- Chain and pole-saws may not be used for palm frond removal unless frond base exceeds 50mm.
- Hedgers may only be used for those species consistent with hedge like growth, ie, species with short internodal length, eg, Ixora.
- Successful company must provide accurate written information to supplied "Street Tree Fault Form" whilst undertaking street tree pruning. These are to be submitted at suburbs completion to Council's representative.

All street and traffic signs are to be kept clear of foliage, to viewing angle of all traffic.

Any chipped material resulting from this program is to remain the property of Darwin City Council and deposited in a nominated site.