

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SPECIAL PROVISION TO THE
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, 2007 EDITION**

SECTION 907

TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTS

Page 900-15, subsection 907.3a. Delete TABLE 907-1 and replace with the following:

TABLE 907-1: PLANT PLANTING SEASONS	
Plant Type	Planting Date Range
Deciduous Plants	November 15 thru April 15
Evergreen Plants	October 1 thru April 15

Page 900-18, add the following to the end of subsection 907.3:

m. Bare Root Tree Seedlings/Shrubs.

(1) Planting. When planting in excavated holes, carefully spread the roots in a natural position and work in the backfill material around the roots to eliminate air pockets. Use the excavated material to backfill the plants.

When planting in a slot made with a tree planting machine or a planting bar (a special planting spade manufactured for planting seedlings), construct the slot of adequate depth to allow the roots to be fully extended vertically when the seedling is placed in the slot at the proper depth. Take care when planting to prevent the end of the roots from being turned upward. Pruning of large massive root systems into balance with top growth will help in ease of planting and possibly prevent "J" roots from occurring. After placing the seedling in the slot at the proper depth, completely close the slot to eliminate all air pockets.

Install all plants in the plumb position.

Set the plants to a depth where the collar (where the root system turns to the trunk) is at the level of the surrounding soil or a maximum of 1/2 inch below the level of the surrounding soil.

(2) Mulch Cover. Within 24 hours after planting, place a mulch cover around all plants to control the growth of competing vegetation.

Use wood compost for mulch, applied 4 to 6 inches thick. Start application 1 inch from the tree/shrub trunk.

Install a weed free fabric such as a geo-membrane when specified in the Contract Documents.

Mulch an area extending a minimum of 2 feet from any plants spaced greater than 6 feet apart. Where plants are on less than 6 foot spacing, mulch the entire bed or area, plus a minimum of 3 feet beyond the peripherals of the plants.

Cover the mulch with hold down material when specified in Contract Documents.

(3) Watering. Water the plants when specified in the Contract Documents.

(4) Bracing. Bracing is not required for trees/shrubs seedlings under 4 feet tall measured from ground level.

(5) Rabbit Protective Tubes. Install rabbit protective tubes, when specified in the Contract Documents.