## **Residential Tree Planting Maintenance Schedule and Guidelines**

This document to be attached to the Stormwater Utility Fee Maintenance Agreement

## For Newly Planted Trees - First Year Maintenance Guidelines

Successful establishment of trees requires that the following tasks be undertaken in the first year following installation:

- Watering. Deep water regularly throughout the first growing season. Allow water to run slowly, soaking the soil, once or twice a week. Water at the perimeter or edge of the planting site.
- Remove Stakes and Strapping after 1 year unless site is extremely windy. Do not stake longer than 2 years. Remove tree tubes when trees reach about 3-inches in diameter at the base.
- Keep grass and weeds out of mulched area.

## **Routine Maintenance Guidelines**

Trees must be inspected to ensure good health.

Routine Maintenance Tasks	Frequency
Inspect and replace mulch as needed	Annually
Weed mulch	Twice during the growing season
Prune trees	Annually
Inspect tree health and correct any deficiencies	Annually