

Planting/Delivery Access Info 2020

Here are some guidelines to ensure your planting/delivery goes smoothly. The Planting Companies will do their best to protect your property, but remember, trees are heavy (some weigh over 1500lbs)! The mini skids used to move these heavier trees weigh approximately 3000lbs.

ACCESS to your planting site

- **A minimum of 37"** is required for Evergreens up to 10' tall and Deciduous Trees up to 3.5" caliper.
- **A minimum of 48"** is required for Evergreens over 10' tall and Deciduous Trees over 3.5" caliper.
- "Special Access" trees will require 8' openings for larger equipment needed to lift those trees. Additional charges apply for these trees to rent larger equipment. These trees will be tagged as such in the Nursery.
- **Please check the entire route from the street to your planting site.** Paths, gates (hinges and latches included), window wells, AC units, utility meters, etc all can limit access. If gates/fencing/etc must be removed for access you will be charged for the extra time needed gain access.
- Ball-Carting Trees – If your access does not allow the use of a mini skid Planting Companies can ball cart Evergreen Trees 9' and smaller and Deciduous Trees 3" and smaller. Please make sure you have access for a mini skid if purchasing larger trees. Slopes, steps, and terracing must be factored, and limit the size of tree you buy.
- Existing Landscaping
 - **Edging can be damaged if it needs to be crossed.** This includes steel edging, stone, concrete curbing, etc.
 - Path-Ways/sidewalks/driveways- Again, trees and the equipment needed to plant/deliver are heavy. Some scuffing and cracking is possible due to the weight of larger trees.
 - **FLAGSTONE is notorious for cracking** even when using plywood to cover it. Please be aware if access to your site requires going over it.
- Retaining Walls/Steps/Terracing
 - **Evergreens over 7' tall and Deciduous over 2.5" caliper cannot be manually lifted over retaining walls.** If your site does not allow for that please choose the appropriate size trees. If the Planting Companies can access the wall with the mini skids they can lift trees up to the wall.
- Sod/Turf
 - **All lawns (old or new) must be in a dry state. Please do not water your lawn 24 hours prior** to your planting date. All precautions will be taken to protect it, but damage may still occur.
- Slopes – If you have slopes in your yard that may cause issues or access problems please discuss with the nursery prior to purchasing your new trees.

Other things to consider

- Tree Removal/Stumps – Planting Companies can remove newly planted trees within the warranty period. They are **not equipped for removing trees that have been planted for longer than 2-3 years or are larger than they can safely handle. We will require pictures** of any trees in the ground over 3 years or if we/you feel they are larger than can be handled safely. **Extra charges apply** for tree removal not covered under the guarantee period.
- Digging Conditions- Each site is different. If the Planting Company encounters difficult site conditions as a result of digging, they will notify you of any "difficult site" charges.
- Private lines such as irrigation (drop/sprinklers/etc.), wells, propane lines from a tank, etc **will not be located by UNCC. You are required to know where those are or have them marked. Planting Companies are NOT responsible for damage to private lines.** The outside edge of the hole being dug needs to be 18" from the edge of any markings from utilities.
- Please have locations for your new trees marked by the planting day. Let the Planting Company foreman know if you have a preference which way a tree needs to be faced. Once a tree is set in the hole it **CANNOT** be moved to avoid damaging the tree. Additional charges will apply if you ask them to dig a new hole after the first hole is dug.
- **Planting/Delivery Charges are paid at the time of service to the Planting Company.** "Difficult Site" charges will be negotiated with the Planting Companies on a site-by-site basis. **Planting Companies are Independent Contractors and not a part of Heidrich's Colorado Tree Farm Nursery LLC.**