

**A300 (Part 6)-20xx *Planting and Transplanting***

for Tree Care Operations –  
Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Management –  
Standard Practices (*Planting and Transplanting*)

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**Foreword** (If approved, this foreword will not be part of the American National Standard A300 Part 6-20xx)

ANSI A300 Standards are divided into multiple parts, each focusing on a specific aspect of woody plant management (e.g. Pruning, Soil Management, Supplemental Support Systems, etc).

These standards are used to develop written specifications for work assignments. They are not intended to be used as specifications in and of themselves. Management objectives may differ considerably and therefore must be specifically defined by the user. Specifications are then written to meet the established objectives and must include measurable criteria.

ANSI A300 standards apply to professionals who provide for, or supervise the management of, trees, shrubs, and other woody landscape plants. Intended users include businesses, government agencies, property owners, property managers, and utilities. The standard does not apply to agriculture, horticultural production, or silviculture, except where explicitly noted otherwise.

ANSI A300 standards are developed by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), an ANSI-accredited Standards Developing Organization (SDO). TCIA is secretariat of the ANSI A300 standards, and develops standards using procedures accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Consensus for standards writing is developed by the Accredited Standards Committee on Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Management Operations – Standard Practices, A300 (ASC A300).

Prior to 1991, various industry associations and practitioners developed their own standards and recommendations for tree care practices. Recognizing the need for a standardized, scientific approach, green industry associations, government agencies and tree care companies agreed to develop consensus for an official American National Standard.

The results – ANSI A300 standards – unify and take authoritative precedence over all previously existing tree care industry standards. ANSI requires that approved standards be developed according to accepted principles, and that they be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every five years.

TCIA was accredited as a standards developing organization with ASC A300 as the consensus body on June 28, 1991. ASC A300 meets regularly to write new, and review and revise existing, ANSI A300 standards. The committee includes industry representatives with broad knowledge and technical expertise from residential and commercial tree care, utility, municipal and federal sectors, landscape and nursery industries, and other interested organizations.

A limited, concurrent public review period for limited subclause changes runs from January 6, 2012 through February 5, 2012. This draft is not approved for trial use. Send comments to Bob Rouse, [Rouse@tcia.org](mailto:Rouse@tcia.org). After the public review period, the ANSI-accredited Standards Committee A300 (ASC A300) plans to submit this draft to ANSI for approval as a revised American National Standard. Committee approval of the standard will not necessarily imply that all committee members voted for its approval.

The ASC A300 committee had the following members as of December 21, 2011:

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ASC A300 mission statement:

Mission: To develop consensus performance standards based on current research and sound practice for writing specifications to manage trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

**Note: The following subclause is substantially changed in technical implementation.**

**63.5.2.1.1** ~~Trees with a D.B.H. over~~ larger than 8 inches (20 cm) caliper should have a minimum 8 to 14 inches (20 ~~to 36~~ cm) or more of root ball diameter for every inch (2.54 cm) of trunk diameter. See Annex F for details and definitions 62.7 and 62.9 for clarification.

**Note: The following recommendations are deleted.**

**63.5.4.4 Bare root**

~~63.5.4.4.1~~ ~~—Bare root trees should be dug in a state of dormancy.~~

See Annex A-4 for bare root information.

~~64.1.2~~ ~~Bare root trees should be planted at a favorable time of the year for the plant species, see Annex A.~~