CITY OF PALM DESERT
Landscape Inspection Schedule for New Residential & Commercial Developments

1. **Sleeving/Grading**
   a. Sleeve diameter, type, depth, and location
   b. Soil surface drainage, elevations, and debris

2. **Hardscape/Boulders - Cobble**
   a. Sidewalk and wall layout
   b. Boulder/cobble type, size, and placement

3. **Irrigation System Rough-in**
   a. Trench location and depth
   b. Pipe size and class
   c. Pressure test (125 psi for 6 hours)

4. **Plant Material (trees & shrubs)**
   a. Condition
   b. Type
   c. Placement

5. **Ground Cover (decomposed granite)**
   a. Type
   b. Depth
   c. Compaction

6. **Final**
   a. Irrigation
      - Valves, boxes, and wiring
      - Controller operation and schedule
      - Emission devices
      - Overall operation
   b. Overall site

**NOTES:**

✓ Should any of the above inspections fail after two attempts, a fee will be assessed for any re-inspections.
✓ Any changes to an approved landscape plan must be re-submitted in writing by the landscape architect to the City for approval prior to implementation.
✓ All plant material (trees & shrubs) must meet current Arizona Nursery, American Nursery Association, and International Society of Arboriculture standards; and must be inspected by the County Ag Commissioner if brought into the Coachella Valley from other areas.
✓ Trees may be rejected by City staff for not meeting the standards referenced in the previous item and/or for the following discrepancies:
   - Girdling roots
   - Trees that have been topped
   - Inadequate trunk caliper & taper
   - Poor structure, co-dominant stems (a strong central leader is an absolute must!)
   - Damages to the leader and scaffold branches
   - Disease/insects
   - Included bark
   - Damages to the tree during shipment

Please call 760-776-6450 to schedule inspections at least 24 hours in advance

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