



## CITY OF PALM DESERT

### Landscape Inspection Schedule for New Residential & Commercial Developments

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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**