

6. IRRIGATION

Irrigation of the lawns during the summer months is obviously very important and this must be done in such a way as to cause minimal disturbance to visitors to the garden. A schedule should be put in place so that irrigation is done effectively which may mean early mornings and late evenings. Weekend watering should also be scheduled.

The contractor is required to supply a rate for the above mentioned specifications to be included in the Irrigation technician controller rate card per month

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Grass cuttings to be collected immediately after cutting is complete and bagged and stored at refuse area on-site which will then be collected on a twice a weekly basis

The contractor is required to supply a rate for the above mentioned specifications to be included in the waste management rate card per month

It will be required that the successful tenderer ensure an Establishment of Storage Facility and Base-camp (staff facility) within the 30 days from commencement of contract. This will be in the form of Containers, as made provision for in the pricing schedule. Refer point 10 below of the specification, depicting minimum requirements in terms of the containers.

8. PLANT BEDS

8.1 WEEDING / CULTIVATING / PLANTING

8.1.1 There are many types of beds that differ in character and in the amount of plant material they carry. Different bed cleaning methods are used to achieve an end result common to all beds, namely that the beds conform to a standard of neatness, cleanliness and have a pleasing appearance.

8.1.2 The Contractor will adapt his cleaning method to the character of the bed and where soil is exposed ensure that this soil is weed free, has no foreign objects, is levelled out and gives the overall appearance of being attended to.

8.1.3 Where beds are covered with mulch, the mulch or any other soil additive must in turn also be weed free, free of foreign objects and appear neat and tidy.

8.1.4 Where beds are totally covered with ground-cover planting this plant material may have to be periodically completely cut back and removed to stimulate new growth and a fresher appearance.

8.1.5 Contractor may in certain low profile areas decide to dispose of leaves, grass shavings/cuttings and general decomposable garden waste products by spreading these products onto areas that are low in humus and thus improving the soil quality through a natural process of decomposition.

8.1.6 This practice will be strictly controlled and if applied to certain beds the waste must be worked into the soil so as to maintain the bed's proper appearance.

8.1.7 Planting of beds (splitting & dividing) is done as and when required especially during the winter months where old beds are renewed and bare areas planted. The Contractor in consultation with the Company Gardens manager will decide what plants can be split and re-planted to fill up gaps.

8.1.8 Large planted areas are from time to time as instructed by the City Official, completely renovated: i.e.: all plant material removed / transplanted, the ground turned and re-planted. This work falls within the ambit of normal maintenance operations.