Quality of Landscape Material

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Does Quality Matter?
Define Quality

Florida Grades and Standards

- Grade Trunk
- Grade Branch Attachment
- Tree Matrix
- Trunk Caliper
- Structural Uniformity of Crown
- Downgrading Factors
- Roots
Grade Trunk

Florida Fancy
Florida #1
Florida #2
Cull
Grade Branch Attachment

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Tree Matrix

Based on Natural Form

- Type 1 – Spreading, rounded
- Type 2 – Pyramidal
- Type 3 – Columnar
- Type 4 – Vase
- Type 5 – Oval
Structural Uniformity of Crown

Florida Fancy

Florida #1

Florida #2

Cull

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Downgrading Factors
Where does quality start?

Does it start at the Nursery or before?
Nursery Roots
No Leader
Bad Roots
How Do We Get Quality?

- Specifications
- Selecting
- Inspections
- Rejection