



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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## Standard of Practice

### Silvicultural Prescription

“*Silvicultural prescription* means any type of site or individual tree prescription developed by a private arborist that is aimed at preserving a tree. (June 2007)

All Silvicultural Prescriptions must approved by the arborist division and **pre-paid**.

### Silvicultural Prescription Checklist

Site Address

Ownership and contact numbers, including mailing address if different from site address

Size, location, and species of each tree being analyzed

Provide a map, locate site on vicinity map

Arborist name and signature and ISA Certification of GA Registered Forester number

Company's name and address

Prescription to be provided on company's letterhead

Reports should address:

Scope of impact

How impact affects tree's health and stability (roots, trunk, and canopy)

Hazard potential

Two and 5-year survivability of trees

Assessment

Destroyed vs. viability of trees

Prescription measures

Soil, (e.g., mulching; Alleviate compaction

Roots and root collar

Trunk

Canopy: pruning regimen (eg., thinning, crown reduction from top, crown reduction from below, etc.,

No trimming, no topping, no tipping allowed

Watering regimen / irrigation system

Treatments, e.g., growth regulators, pesticides, nutrients

If pesticides, **labeling** information must be provided

Indicate potential source of contamination

Provisions for monitoring tree if applicable

If there is a change in ownership, arborist has the responsibility to continue prescription

Signed and paid-for invoice for fulfillment of prescription

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