

## Practical Horticulture Standards

1. Health and Safety
  - 1.1 Be aware of the organisations manual handling and safety procedures.
  - 1.2 Move and handle goods and materials safely and in line with organisational procedures
  - 1.3 Place goods and materials in the specified places
  - 1.4 Select correct PPE and tools for given tasks
2. Prepare & Plant hanging baskets
  - 2.1 Describe how to prepare a hanging basket for planting
  - 2.2 Prepare the work area for planting a hanging basket
  - 2.3 Plant a hanging basket using correct tools and methods
  - 2.4 Clean and tidy the work area.
3. Prepare ground for sowing and planting
  - 3.1 Identify the steps for preparing the ground
  - 3.2 Prepare the ground using the correct tools and materials
  - 3.3 Leave site and equipment clean and tidy
4. Growing plants in containers
  - 4.1 Prepare plants/bulbs ready for planting
  - 4.2 Check that plants/ bulbs are evenly spaced
  - 4.3 Plant at the correct depth
  - 4.4 Backfill and firm soil, adding supports if required
5. Watering beds, borders and containers
  - 5.1 Identify when plants need to be watered
  - 5.2 Connect hose/fill watering can as appropriate
  - 5.3 Water plants using the correct methods
6. Cultivate land, maintain and care for a planted area
  - 6.1 Turn soil with a suitable tool, leaving surface level
  - 6.2 Identify and remove unwanted plants
  - 6.3 Under cut and remove weeds if necessary
7. Pruning hedges and flowering shrubs
  - 7.1 Identify areas sections to be worked on
  - 7.2 Prune/trim/deadhead/ shape using the correct tools
  - 7.3 Check that finish is appropriately shaped
  - 7.4 Collect and dispose of pruned materials to the designated area
8. Maintain wooden structures with preservatives
  - 8.1 Prepare and clean surfaces to be treated
  - 8.2 Apply treatment maintaining safety for self and others
  - 8.3 Protect the area/item from contact with people or animals
  - 8.4 Where applicable ensure surplus preservative is stored safely.

9. Cutting and maintaining turf

9.1 Prepare the lawn mower for use, setting the height of cutters if necessary

9.2 Examine the area to be mowed removing any debris

9.2 Start machine and mow the designated area

9.3 Stop machine and make safe

9.4 Trim turf edge, using shears or strimmer

9.5 Collect and dispose of clippings

10. Using a leaf blower

10.1 Prepare the machine for use

10.2 Start the machine and direct materials into specified collection area

10.3 Stop machine and make safe

10.4 Dispose of collected materials in the designated area