WIRE OR CABLE SIZES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
TREES UP TO 65 MM (2.5 IN.) CALIBER — 14 GAUGE
TREES 65 MM (2.5 IN.) TO 75 MM (3 IN.) CALIBER — 12 GAUGE
TIGHTEN WIRE OR CABLE ONLY ENOUGH TO KEEP FROM SLIPPING. ALLOW FOR SOME TRUNK MOVEMENT. PLASTIC HOSE SHALL BE LONG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE 35MM (1.5 IN.) OF GROWTH AND BUFFER ALL BRANCHES FROM THE WIRE.
TUCK ANY LOOSE ENDS OF THE WIRE OR CABLE INTO THE WIRE WRAP SO THAT NO SHARP WIRE ENDS ARE EXPOSED.
INSTALL THREE GUY WIRES PER TREE, SPACED EVENLY AROUND THE TRUNK.

13MM (1/2") DIAMETER RUBBER OR PLASTIC HOSE
GALVANIZED WIRE OR CABLE
TWIST WIRE TO TIGHTEN.
TURNBUCKLES FOR TREES OVER 150MM (6") CALIBER.
750MM (30") LONG WOOD STAKE

PLASTIC FLAGGING OR OTHER VISUAL MARKER ON EACH WIRE.

ALL STAKES SHALL BE DRIVEN OUTSIDE THE EDGE OF THE ROOT BALL
ASSURE THAT THE BEARING SURFACE OF THE PROTECTIVE COVERING OF THE WIRE OR CABLE AGAINST THE TREE TRUNK IS A MINIMUM OF 12 MM (0.5 IN.)
REMOVE ALL STAKING AS SOON AS THE TREE HAS GROWN SUFFICIENT ROOTS TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM THAT REQUIRED THE TREE TO BE STAKED. STAKES SHALL BE REMOVED NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE FIRST GROWING SEASON AFTER PLANTING.
TREES NORMALLY DO NOT NEED TO BE STAKED AND STAKING CAN BE HARMFUL TO THE TREE. STAKING SHOULD BE DONE ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT IF IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TREE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ITSELF.
THE FOLLOWING ARE REASONS WHY TREES DO NOT REMAIN STRAIGHT:
- TREES WITH POOR-QUALITY ROOT BALLS OR ROOT BALLS THAT HAVE BEEN CRACKED OR DAMAGED. REJECT RATHER THAN STAKE.
- TREES THAT HAVE GROWN TOO CLOSE TOGETHER IN THE NURSERY, RESULTING IN WEAK TRUNKS. REJECT RATHER THAN STAKE.
- PLANTING PROCEDURES THAT DO NOT ADEQUATELY TAMPER SOILS AROUND THE ROOT BALL. CORRECT THE PLANTING PROCEDURE.
- ROOT BALLS PLACED ON SOFT SOIL. TAMP SOILS UNDER ROOT BALL PRIOR TO PLANTING.
- ROOT BALLS WITH VERY SANDY SOIL OR VERY WET CLAY SOIL. STAKING ADVISABLE.
- TREES LOCATED IN A PLACE OF EXTREMELY WINDY CONDITIONS. STAKING ADVISABLE.

ALTERNATE TREE STAKING METHODS
(1) TREE STAPLES OR EQUIVALENT TREE STAKING SYSTEM MAY BE USED FOR APPROPRIATE SIZE
(2) DUCKBILL ROOT KIT STRAP OR EQUIVALENT
   - 68 Rbk 3” Cal
   - 88 Rbk 6" Cal