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Standards for Soil Management (Fertilization) and Tree Risk Assessment

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved a major revision of ANSI A300 (Part 2)-2004 *Fertilization* on February 17, 2011. ANSI also approved on that same date a new standard for tree risk assessment designated ANSI A300 (Part 9)-2011 *Tree Risk Assessment a. Tree Structure Assessment*.

The revision of ANSI A300 (Part 2)-2004 *Fertilization* – now designated ANSI A300 (Part 2)-2011 *Soil Management a. Modification, b. Fertilization, and c. Drainage* – provides substantial additions and changes to the standard. The A300 Part 2 standard now addresses the following items:

- **New Section addressing Soil Management a. Modification:**
 - Evaluating site soil condition practices
 - Managing soil organic matter content practices
 - Incorporation of soil amendments
 - Compaction – prevention and mitigation practices
 - Mechanical soil loosening
 - Surface application of organic mulch
- **New item added to the Soil Management b. Fertilization section:**
 - Soil reaction (pH) adjustment
- **New Section addressing Soil Management c. Drainage:**
 - Mitigation of impenetrable layers
 - Mitigation/adjustment of surface drainage
 - Mitigation/adjustment of subsurface drainage

The new standard – ANSI A300 (Part 9)-2011 *Tree Risk Assessment a. Tree Structure Assessment* – address the following items:

- **New Standard ANSI A300 Part 9 Tree Risk Assessment a. tree structure assessment.**
 - Tree structure assessment practices, including:
 - Levels of tree risk assessment
 - Target identification
 - Risk analysis and reporting
 - Owner determination

For more information about these standards and details on how they can be ordered through TCIA, contact Bob Rouse, Vice President of Industry Standards & Credentialing, at 800-733-2622 or rouse@tcia.org.

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