

Appendix 16

Checklist for Quality Control of Tubestock

Pots	Check
Woody plants are provided in round 7.5 cm pots*.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grasses, sedges and/or forbs are provided in round 5 - 7.5* cm pots.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plants fill their pots well.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potting media in the pot is moist, with an even, non-crusty surface, and is not drawing away from the edges of the pot.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoot Development	
Grasses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be rapidly putting out new blades and have at least 10 live blades. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forbs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhizomatous plants, such as <i>Helichrysum rutidolepis</i>, should have strong rhizome growth, i.e. you should see shoots coming up in different parts of the pot, from roots under the soil, or roots forming where stems touch the ground. Rosette forming plants should have a strongly growing, fleshy, rosette. 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Shrubs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have a sturdy stem as this will provide plenty of carbohydrate to help withstand transplant shock. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Root Development	
Roots should be actively growing and have fleshy looking white or bright coloured tips.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roots fill the container well but are not too tight. They do not spiral around the base of the pot (especially woody species).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hygiene	
There are no signs of disease (e.g. withered or discoloured leaves, or deformed growth).	<input type="checkbox"/>
No pests are visible (e.g. tiny worms or bugs in soil, on roots or shoots).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The pot is free from weeds.	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Note that if plants are destined for a site with shallow soil, smaller sized pots may be acceptable.

