

# Street Tree Planting Guidelines

The following list of trees is meant to serve as a general guideline for choosing the “right tree for the right space”. When selecting an appropriate tree, it is important to take into consideration several factors before making a final decision. During the permit process, each site is inspected for vision obstructions, existing trees, space constraints, underground and overhead utilities, signage and lighting, and other factors. The following list details some suggestions for tree planting species along street rights-of-way that will aid in choosing an appropriate tree for your location. A more detailed list of recommended tree species is available upon request.

**Small trees** (less than 25 feet at maturity) should be planted where the curb lawn planting strip is 3-4 feet wide and/or under power lines.

Amur Maple

Serviceberry

Crab – Upright varieties

Japanese Flowering Cherry

**Medium trees** (25-45 feet at maturity) should be planted where the curb lawn is 4-8 feet wide and close to power lines.

Sargent Cherry

Amur Corktree, Goldenrain Tree

American & European Hornbeam, Katsura Tree

Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac

Maples – Hedge, Pacific Sunset, Trident, Tatarian Maple

Ornamental Pears – Cleveland and Redspire Callery Pear

**Large trees** (greater than 45 feet at maturity) can be planted where the curb lawn is lacking or over 8 feet wide and no power lines nearby.

Bald Cypress, Dawn Redwood, Elm Hybrids (D.E.D. resistant)

European, Turkish Filbert, Ginkgo – male

Thornless Honeylocust

Sterling Silver Linden, London Planetree

Maple – Sugar, Red

Oaks – Bur, English, Chinkapin,

Northern Red,

Swamp White Oak,

American Yellowwood,

Riverbirch

The following trees are considered a nuisance and should never be planted on street curb lawn areas: Boxelder Maple, Silver Maple, Willow, Mulberry, Siberian Elm, Poplar, Tree of Heaven, Osage Orange, Walnut or Evergreen Conifers.

**STREET TREE PLANTING APPLICATION**

(FOR TREES IN RIGHT-OF-WAY)

Street trees help improve the appearance of properties and neighborhoods. You are commended for your decision to plant a tree. The following information will help you and assist us in approving your application.

**General Guidelines:**

1. Your application must be approved before planting.
2. Property owner can obtain application information from the Department of Community Development and complete the following:
  - a. Choose size and approved species/variety from the list of approved trees in the Street Tree Planting guidelines (attached).
  - b. Stake proposed location of tree.
  - c. Contact Miss DIG (1-800-482-7171) to identify the location of utilities.
  - d. Fill in "To Be Completed by Applicant" section on this application and return to the Department of Community Development.
3. Upon receipt by the Department of Community Development of the completed Street Tree Planting Application, an inspection will be made by a Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Services representative. The inspection will be completed within 5 working days. Upon complying with city ordinance requirements, a permit will be issued by the Department of Community Development and mailed to you.
4. Following issuance of a permit, the holder of the Street Tree Planting Permit shall:
  - a. Properly plant tree(s) – see the Street Tree Planting Guidelines – within 35 days of permit issuance. After this time, the permit will be void.
  - b. Agree to care for and regularly water tree(s) for two years.

**Size:** 1 ½ inch caliper preferred, 1 inch caliper minimum (caliper is diameter of trunk six inches above top of root ball).

**Minimum curb lawn area required:** Four feet (distance between curb and sidewalk) depending on species.

**Minimum spacing:** 20-45 feet between trees, depending on species.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT	TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS RECREATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES
Applicant (owner) Name _____	Utilities Staked _____ Species/Variety Approved _____
Property Address _____	Sewer/Water Leads Checked _____ Size Approved _____
Tree Species/variety _____	Location Approved (if contact with applicant required, briefly explain) _____
Size of Tree _____ Date of Miss DIG staking _____	Inspection Made by (print) _____
Approximate Location (brief) _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____
Having signed below, I agree to properly plant tree identified above and will water and care for tree as required for two years.	Date Permit Authorized _____
_____ Applicant Signature _____ Date _____	Permit Issued By _____ Date _____

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