



### **Can I prune or remove my street tree?**

The City prunes all street trees as necessary on a 5-year cycle. Storm damage or hazardous trees are handled as they appear or are reported. Homeowners are encouraged to remove suckering branches from the base of the tree, watersprouts from the trunks and also to remove small branches over the street and up to 8 foot above the sidewalk to allow for pedestrian traffic. Any large branches that need to be pruned shall be called in to the City Forester at 901-6591. The homeowner may apply for a free Tree Work Permit to perform significant pruning or removal. Homeowners shall not remove a street tree without first receiving permission from the City Forester.

### **Will the City remove the street tree in front of my property?**

The City will make every reasonable attempt to save trees that are still a benefit to the community. The City Forester, under the direction of the Shade Tree Commission, will determine if a tree shall be removed. All removed tree locations will be evaluated for adequate spacing to be replaced.

### **What criteria may cause my street tree to be removed?**

Any trees that have reached a level of unacceptable risk, weak structure, disease, insects or have a limited remaining useful life will be removed. The City also has on-going Pear and Emerald Ash Borer Management Plans.

### **What kind of street tree will be planted in front of my property?**

The replacement street trees are chosen for your property following the Shade Tree Commission's approved Street Tree Master List. This list provides three trees as replacements for each street to improve the diversity of our urban forest canopy. Unless requested by the resident the City Forester will select the specific tree species for each location.

### **Can I choose my replacement street tree species?**

Homeowners may request the species for their tree lawn. It must be one of the three approved species for their street as set by the Shade Tree Commission's Street Tree Master List. A requested tree cannot be guaranteed.

### **How much does a replacement street tree cost?**

There is no cost to the homeowner for replacement street trees.

### **When will my replacement street tree be planted?**

Typically trees removed before July are planted in the Fall of the same year. Trees removed after July are usually replaced the following Fall. Most tree plantings takes place between October and mid December. Trees are replaced as budgets allow and there may be a delay currently because of the Emerald Ash Borer.

### **Why isn't the City replacing the street tree in front of my property?**

The City replaces as many trees as possible. Street lights, fire hydrants, existing trees, and other infrastructure may be in conflict and not allow for the replacement of a removed tree.

### **I have never had a street tree. Can I plant my own?**

Homeowners may apply for a free Tree Work Permit. This will allow the City Forester to work with the homeowner on the proper species selection, location, and size of tree to be planted.

Call your City Forester Mathew Ulrey at 901-6598 if you need a free Tree Work Permit or if you have additional questions. For service requests or to report storm damage please call 901-6591.