

TOP FAQ'S Concerning City Street Trees

1. Can I plant street trees on the city right-of-way?

Yes, but you need a no fee planting permit to do so. Call Kearney Park and Recreation at 237-4644.

2. What kind of street trees can I plant and where can it be planted?

Obtain information as to the approved street tree types and where they can be planted by calling the Kearney Park and Recreation at 237-4644.

3. Is there a minimum size requirement for newly planted street trees?

Yes, tree must have a minimum trunk diameter of 1" .

4. Can I seek advice to have a street tree(s) planted on the City right-of-way adjacent to my property?

Yes, a City Forester can evaluate the type, location, available space, and existing trees. Property owner must initiate any tree work.

5. Who is responsible for watering city street trees?

The owner of the property abutting the City right-of-way where the street trees are located.

TOP FAQ'S Concerning City Street Trees cont.

6. Can I remove a street tree from the City right-of-way?

Only if written approval has been obtained.

7. What maintenance responsibilities do I have when planting a street tree?

Individual property owners are responsible for watering, pruning, disease control, and removal of right-of-way trees.

8. How long should I keep mulching my street tree with woodchips?

At least 5 years from the time it is planted. Research has shown that such mulching can nearly double tree growth in that time.

9. Why plant trees in the right-of-way?

Trees provide shade, shelter, and are beautiful. They increase property values and cool and clean the air.



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IMPROVE KEARNEY'S URBAN FOREST



Dead or Dying Street Tree Removal Grant Program

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TREE REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM



Right-of-way street trees provide a buffer from street, noise, clean the air, lessen the wind and are a critical part of our habitat. However, diseases, pests, and storms can kill or damage trees to point where removal is necessary. As per City Code, right-of-way trees are the responsibility of the property owner. Because trees are an integral part of Kearney's quality of life, the City of Kearney would like to lessen the burden on property owners when it is time to remove a street tree.

GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

In response to the eventual loss of all Ash trees due to the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer, the City of Kearney has established a Tree Removal Grant Program specifically for trees within the right-of-way while funding allows. Although Ash Trees are the main focus, other dead or dying trees within the right-of-way will also be eligible. Please follow the instructions below:

- Begin by completing an application and returning it to the Kearney Park and Recreation Office at 2005 1st Avenue.
- You will be given a caution tape to put around your tree.
- Right-of-way trees includes those planted no more than 20' from back of curb. Trees, on or adjacent to alley right-of-way remain the property owner's responsibility, as well as all other private property trees.

- City Forestry Staff will then inspect to confirm the tree is within the right-of-way, that it is an Ash tree, or that it is a dead or dying tree.
- Once confirmed and approved by City Forestry Staff, the property owner may contact a tree service. The City recommends that property owners hire a reliable, insured, and experienced tree service that is registered with the City of Kearney. A list of registered tree services can be found at www.cityofkearney.org (Forestry tab). The City recommends that before you hire a tree company that you obtain written estimates, consider references, confirm proof of insurance, and confirm disposal and site clean-up. For additional recommendations on hiring a tree service go to www.cityofkearney.org (Forestry tab).
- Complete removal, & proper stump grinding, are required prior to reimbursement.
- Bring a receipt and the reimbursement form, to the Kearney Park and Recreation Office, and the City of Kearney will rebate 50% of the cost of the removal, not to exceed \$200 per tree on the property.



TREE REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION & REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Application packets are available at:

- Local nurseries
- City of Kearney Park and Recreation Office
- Online at www.cityofkearney.org.



RELEAF KEARNEY STREET TREE GRANT PROGRAM

Participation in the Tree Removal Grant Program will not disqualify property owners from participation in our "Releaf Kearney" Street Tree Replacement Program. Planting a diverse mix of species, from the approved ROW tree list, will help ensure the health of our urban right-of-way trees into the future. Go to www.cityofkearney.org for more information.

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