

Street Trees



Ginkgo



Miyabe Maple



American Smoke



Redbud

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Approved Street Trees for the Village of Sturtevant

Large and Medium Sized Street Trees:

- Maple Trees (except silver maples) including: Miyabe Maple, Pacific Sunset Maple, Freeman Maple, Norway Sunset Maple
- Linden Trees including: Redmond Linden, Sentry Linden, Glenleven Linden, Silver Linden
- Elm Trees including: Regal Elm, Morton Elm, New Horizon Elm, Frontier Elm
- Honeylocust Trees (thornless only): Skyline Honeylocust
- Ginkgo (fruitless only)
- Autumn Purple White Ash
- Autumn Blaze Pear (fruitless only)
- Japanese Tree Lilac: Ivory Silk
- American Smoke Tree

Silver maples, trees that bear fruit or nuts, and evergreen trees are prohibited.

Small Street Trees:*

- Hedge Maple
- Serviceberry (single stem only)
- Redbud
- Magnolia
- Speckled Alder
- Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

* These trees grow to less than 25 feet in height and should be planted under utility lines.

Street Trees in Sturtevant

Ordinance 2005-11 Highlights

Ownership and Maintenance Responsibilities:

- Village residents are encouraged to plant and replace trees within the public road right-of-way between the lot line or sidewalk and the curb or edge of the street in front of, or alongside their property. This area is sometimes referred to as the parkway.
- Although the Village shall own all trees within the public right-of-way it is the responsibility of the individual property owner to provide maintenance.
- Property owners are required to obtain a written permit from the Village to plant or remove any tree within the public right-of-way. There is no cost for the permit.

Planting New Trees – Spacing and Placement:

- New trees are to be a minimum of 1.5 inch diameter spaced approximately 35 feet apart and must be at least 10 feet from any overhead street light and 7 feet away from crossing underground utilities.
- No more than one tree is allowed if your property is 75 feet or less in street frontage width. Subdivision deed restrictions that are stricter shall supersede this rule.
- To avoid vehicle sight conflicts do not plant trees within 35 feet of any street corner.
- Trees within parkways five feet wide or greater shall be centered within the width of the parkway. In areas without sidewalks plant trees at least 4.5 feet from the curb. Trees should not be planted in parkways less than five feet in width.

Tree and Shrub Trimming in the Parkway:

- It is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant to keep street trees and shrubs trimmed to allow safe passage and clear sight lines for vehicles and pedestrians. The Director of Public Works shall notify an owner if any branches overhanging the street or sidewalk may be dangerous. Failure to trim may result in a charge to the owner to cover the Village's cost to provide those services.

- Tree branches and foliage projecting over the street must be kept at a minimum of 14 feet above the surface of the roadway pavement.
- Tree and shrub branches and foliage projecting over the sidewalk or pedestrian way must be kept at a minimum of 8 feet above the pavement or ground.

Tree Removal:

- If trees within the right-of-way are to be removed the root stump must be ground out to a depth of at least 9 inches below grade. Large surface roots extending beyond the main stump should be removed to a depth of at least 5 inches below grade. Properly dispose of wood or debris at the end of each working day and fill and level any holes with soil.
- The Village has the right to remove any tree that may endanger the public, damage public sewers, sidewalks or other public improvements or might endanger the health of other trees and shrubs within the Village. The property owner shall be alerted by the Village to remove or trim the nuisance tree or shrub and will be given one to fourteen days to comply with the notice. Failure to comply with the notice may result in a charge to the owner to cover the Village's cost to provide those services.
- Property owners are responsible for removing all dead wood from trees located within the publicly-owned parkway or on their private property. If the dead wood is not removed the Village shall provide notice to the property owner. The property owner has up to ten days to remove and dispose of the dead wood. Failure to comply with the notice may result in a charge to the owner to cover the Village's cost to provide for the removal.

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Why Are Trees Important in Our Village?

- Improve air quality by reducing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen.
- Filter air pollutants for improved health benefits.
- Provide home and food for birds and animals.
- Provide a beautiful landscape which improves property values and attracts new residents and visitors to our Village.
- Provide shade for recreation and/or personal enjoyment.
- Provide windbreaks to help reduce home heating costs.
- Improve environment by stabilizing soil and slowing water runoff.



Beautification Committee planting trees to celebrate Arbor Day.

Photo supplied by Judy Wilson

Tips for Healthy Trees

Planting your Tree:

- The best time to plant a tree is early spring; next best time is in early autumn.
- The planting hole should be only as deep as the roots. Planting hole width should be two to three times the width of the root ball.
- No need to fertilize or add amendments to the hole. Water the tree in well.
- No need to stake or guy your new tree unless it is a "bare root" specimen. If you do need to stake, use wide bands of nylon straps to support the trunk. Never use wire or wire wrapped in garden hose to stake your new tree.

Caring for your Tree:

- Trees need about one inch of water per week to remain healthy. Water slowly and deeply.
- Place a layer of wood chip mulch out away from the tree as far as possible. Never mound wood chips against the trunk of the tree as it can cause the bark to rot.
- Avoid bumping into the trunk with the lawnmower or weed whip as this can easily kill the tree.
- Each pruning cut has the potential to alter tree growth so remove no branch without a reason. Never "top" a tree. No need to apply pruning paint to a cut.

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