

Street Trees

Street trees are trees that are planted inside the planting strip between sidewalks and the street. If you are planning on planting a street tree within Troutdale city limits, be sure to check out our list of [recommended street tree species](#). This list includes the scientific and common names of each species and well as a general description and average heights and canopy spread.

The City also maintains a list of **nuisance plants** and [native trees, shrubs and groundcover](#).

While the City strongly encourages the use of native plant species, including residential landscaping, very few native tree species exhibit the characteristics desired for installation adjacent to or between curbs and sidewalks. Many of the cultivars listed are based on Oregon native species. However, because they are bred cultivars, they are not true natives. Consult with a nursery for more information.

Please note that a **permit is required to plant, remove or prune a street tree**. You can [apply for street tree permits](#) on the City's Citizen Self Service portal. There is no cost to obtain a street tree permit.

Troutdale’s Municipal Code assigns street tree maintenance responsibility to the abutting property owner and requires that street trees be maintained at a height of 11 feet over the curb and 7½ feet over the sidewalk. This means that you should be able to drive an 11-foot-tall vehicle under tree limbs at the curb line, or walk down the sidewalk with your favorite 7½ foot-tall NBA star without him needing to duck below the limbs. Please do your part to trim the street trees adjacent to your property to these height requirements.

Questions regarding street trees and trimming? Call the Parks Division at 503-674-7271.

Supporting Documents

Recommended Street Trees - Jan. 2023 60.3 KB

Native Trees, Shrubs and Groundcover 23.16 KB

Nuisance Plants 8.79 KB

Native Plant Sources 6.93 KB