

# INFORMATION

## BOULEVARD TREES DO'S, DON'TS AND REMINDERS

The trees on Winnipeg's boulevards are for everyone's enjoyment and benefit, and everyone can assist in their establishment, maintenance, care and protection. No one person or property owner has the right to arbitrarily make decisions concerning these trees regardless of their location. The following are some DO'S and DON'TS concerning boulevard trees:

DON'T	DO
<b>PRUNE BOULEVARD TREES</b> If trees require pruning, contact the Public Works Department Customer Service who will forward concerns to the Urban Forestry Branch to investigate and take necessary action as soon as possible.	<b>WATER NEWLY PLANTED TREES</b> Extensive watering will enhance a new tree's chances for survival.
<b>REMOVE BOULEVARD TREES</b> Write a letter to the URBAN FORESTRY BRANCH detailing your reasons for the removal request.	<b>REPORT ALL DAMAGE</b> Repairs can only be made if the proper authorities are notified, regardless of cause.
<b>ACCIDENTALLY DAMAGE BOULEVARD TREES</b> Lawnmowers, cord trimmers and bicycles, etc., when repeatedly contact trees can cause substantial damage and even death.	<b>REPORT DISEASE AND INSECT DAMAGE</b> If these problems are suspected, contact the URBAN FORESTRY BRANCH or the INSECT CONTROL BRANCH.
<b>PLANT TREES ON CITY BOULEVARDS</b> Private planting can be arranged, but must conform to City guidelines and must be approved by the URBAN FORESTRY BRANCH.	<b>REPORT VANDALISM AND VEHICLE DAMAGE</b> Supply names and licence numbers to Police when possible.
<b>REMOVE BRANCHES OR WOOD FROM BOULEVARDS</b> These are left, as a result of work by City employees, for proper disposal. Removal may result in the spread of disease and/or insect pests.	<b>ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF YOUR TREES</b>

The above "Don'ts" are prohibited by specific City By-Laws and Provincial Acts and Regulations which carry specific penalties for violators.

To best enhance the health and vigor of boulevard trees, we also recommend that homeowners refrain from changing the soil grade on the boulevard. Adding soil to create raised flower beds is a common activity that raises the soil grade and negatively impacts trees. The majority of trees' roots are located in the uppermost inches of soil and these roots need access to oxygen to survive. Adding soil on top of them can suffocate and kill them which can weaken and kill the boulevard tree. Spreading a 2 inch layer of mulch on the boulevard can help trees by preventing moisture loss and soil compaction; just remember not to pile mulch around the tree trunk as it can encourage bark rot.

Observance of these few simple rules will go a long way in improving and maintaining the condition of Winnipeg's tree population and beautifying Winnipeg's boulevards.

**TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY** interfering with public rights-of-way is the responsibility of the property owner. If you are aware of or bothered by such trees, report their locations to the Public Works Customer Service Centre at 986-7623. A special Constable will investigate and take necessary action.

**NOTE:**

**REMEMBER – Elm firewood, regardless of its source, is prohibited by law. Anyone in possession of it should dispose of it immediately.**

**REMEMBER – Pruning of all elm trees is prohibited between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>  
 FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN PROSECUTION.**

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