




CITY BOULEVARD TREE REMINDERS



The trees located on Brandon's boulevards are for everyone's enjoyment and benefit. Contractors can assist in their protection.

For any questions, please contact the Parks Section at 204-729-2148 or email parks@brandon.ca

 DO'S	 DON'TS
Plan Ahead Contact a City Arborist prior to proceeding with any construction near City trees. Ensure trees are avoided during construction plans.	Remove Boulevard Trees Contact the Parks Department detailing your reasons for the removal request.
Install Tree Protection Fencing Fencing must be erected prior to construction. Use 2x4 posts to frame a Tree Protection Zone around trees within 3-5 meters of construction and attach snow fencing.	Prune Boulevard Trees If public trees require pruning to allow access for construction, contact the Parks Department who will forward concerns to the Forestry Section to investigate and take necessary action as soon as possible. Make sharp clean cuts on roots.
Report Any Damage Done to Trees Contact the Parks Section to investigate and take necessary actions as soon as possible.	Raise The Soil Grade Around Trees Adding soil to raise the soil grade can negatively impacts the tree. Majority of trees' roots are located in the first 6"-18" of soil and these roots need oxygen to survive. Adding soil can suffocate and kill the roots which can weaken the tree or even kill the tree.
Water Trees Provide water (slow soak over the root zone, water tree when 1-2 inches of the topsoil has dried) to the tree during and after construction. 	Compact The Soil Compacted soil reduces oxygen and water movement throughout the soil. This can cause stress, decline or death to the tree.
	Stockpile Construction Material or Demo Debris Near Tree Keep construction and demo material out and away from the Tree Protection Zone.

The above Don'ts are prohibited by specific City By-Laws and will carry specifics penalties for violators.

It may be more desirable in the long run to remove trees prior to construction and plant new trees after the construction is completed. However, when valuable mature trees are present, the effort and expense to preserve them is worthwhile. Mature trees take many years to grow and their environmental benefits are exponential in comparison to smaller trees.

NOTE:

Roadways, driveways, sidewalks and maintained trails already act as anticompaaction measures, so you won't need to install tree protection measures directly on a driveway or sidewalk.

REMEMBER – Pruning of all elm trees is prohibited between April 1st and July 31st.

Elm trees can be removed at any time but must be cut flush to the ground or debarked to the soil line.

