

# CITY BOULEVARD TREE REMINDERS



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

For any questions, please contact the Parks Section at 204-729-2148 or email [parks@brandon.ca](mailto:parks@brandon.ca)

 <b>DO'S</b>	 <b>DON'TS</b>
<b>Water Newly Planted Trees</b> Watering will enhance a new tree's chances for survival. There's no magic number here! Instead, keep the top 12 inches of soil in and around the root ball moist.	<b>Prune Boulevard Trees</b> If public trees require pruning, contact the Parks Department who will forward concerns to the Forestry Section to investigate and take necessary action as soon as possible.
<b>Report Damage &amp; Issues</b> Contact the Parks Department to investigate and take necessary actions as soon as possible. 	<b>Remove Boulevard Trees</b> Contact the Parks Department detailing your reasons for the removal request. Generally healthy trees won't be removed unless the following – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pose a Hazard to public.</li> <li>• Interfere with overhead utility infrastructure.</li> <li>• Diseased</li> </ul>
<b>Report Disease and Insect Damage</b> Contact the Parks Department to investigate and take necessary actions as soon as possible. Samples from the tree in question might be taken if required.	<b>Damage Boulevard Trees</b> Avoid use of lawnmowers, cord trimmers and equipment near tree trunks. Avoid fastening hooks, screws or decorations into trees.
<b>Enjoy The Benefits of Your Tree</b> Trees capture carbon dioxide in the air and store it in their trunks, roots and branches. Trees improve air quality by absorbing particulate matter and gaseous pollutants. Trees reduce storm water flow by retaining rainfall in their foliage to for a period of time. Trees provide shade and cool the overall temperature of the City.	<b>Raise The Soil Grade Around Trees</b> Adding soil to create raised flower beds is a common activity that raises the soil grade and 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.
<b>Spread Mulch Around Tree Base</b> Spreading a 2" layer of mulch around the tree trunk and root system can prevent moisture loss and reduce soil compaction, just remember not to pile mulch against the tree trunk as it can encourage bark rot.	<b>Plant Boulevard Trees</b> Must be approved by the Parks Department prior to planting.
<b>String Lights and Ornaments</b> A person may place strings of lights and ornaments in a public tree during the months of October, November, December and January so long as doing so does not injure or damage the public tree, and the location of lights and electrical cords do not violate any other Regulation or By-law and does not create a safety hazard. Lights or ornaments left in public trees after January will be removed at the homeowners' expense should they interfere with the City's Tree Maintenance Program.	

The above Don'ts are prohibited by specific City By-Law #7285 and will carry specific penalties for violators. Trees on private property interfering with public right of ways is the responsibility of the property owner. If you are aware of such trees, please report their locations to the Parks Complex at 204-729-2148.

## REMEMBER - DO NOT MOVE FIREWOOD



In many cases, you cannot easily know if a tree was affected by an invasive forest pest or disease, and you could unknowingly spread a pest like emerald ash borer or Dutch Elm Disease to new areas.

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.

