



Street Tree Planting Standards

Please read this document and complete the **Street Tree Planting Permit Application** form on the following page. All standards must be followed for the tree planting permit application to be approved.

Site requirements:

Before planting, submit an Underground Service Alert (USA) by calling 811 or using the [USAN online ticket system](#) to identify the location of underground utilities. Do not dig until the inspection is complete and your location meets the tree placement standards listed below.

Tree standards:

- ☐ Only species on the current [Official Street Tree Species List](#) at the time of planting are allowed.
- ☐ The species must be appropriate for the planting site location (consider water needs, size at maturity, and maintenance needs when making your decision).
- ☐ Minimum tree basin size is 3'x3'. Refer to the species list for suitable trees for your basin size.
- ☐ Minimum container size for all new trees is 15 gallons.
- ☐ Every tree planted must comply with the [American Standard for Nursery Stock](#) (ANSI Z160.1).

Tree placement standards:

- ☐ Minimum of five feet (5') from below-ground utility lines, including but not limited to sewer, gas, and water.
- ☐ Minimum of five feet (5') from above-ground street fixtures, including but not limited to fire hydrants, utility poles or cabinets, bicycle racks, and parking meters.
- ☐ Minimum of five feet (5') from residential driveway curb cuts *or* ten feet (10') from commercial driveway curb cuts.
- ☐ Minimum of five feet (5') from parking control, traffic warning, pedestrian, or other informational traffic signs.
- ☐ Minimum of twenty feet (20') from streetlamps, traffic signals, or regulatory traffic signs (including but not limited to "stop" and "yield" signs).
- ☐ Minimum of twenty feet (20') between trees.
- ☐ Sidewalks must be a minimum of forty-eight inches (48") in width to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- ☐ Planting location cannot be within a bus stop zone or a disabled parking zone.
- ☐ Overhead high voltage power lines: Only trees listed as "small" (maximum 25' tall at maturity) in the height category on the Official Street Tree list are allowable under high voltage power lines.

Watering:

Water trees 15-20 gallons per week for the first three years after planting.

Recommendations:

Consult with and/or hire an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) to choose the appropriate tree species for your specific location. Visit www.treesaregood.org to find an ISA-certified arborist.



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Please fill out this form and submit it to Tree Services:

- Email: TreeServices@oaklandca.gov
- Fax: (510) 615-5845
- Or, fill out this form online: www.oaklandtrees.info

Tree(s) to be planted:

Quantity	Species

Site information:

Site address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Tree placement is under high-voltage power lines: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tree basin size (based on the measurement of the shortest side of the basin):

- ☐ Small (shortest side is less than 4'. Minimum is 3'.)
- ☐ Medium (shortest side is $\geq 4'$ to 7' 11.9")
- ☐ Large (shortest side is $\geq 8'$)

Property Owner Information:

Property owner name: _____

Property owner's address (if different from above):

Street City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I agree to hold harmless the City of Oakland (City), its agents, officers, and employees from any damage or injury whatsoever caused by or in any way related to the planting, placement, maintenance, or removal of the planter or plants. The owner or owners of the respective property shall be solely liable for any damages.

I agree as the property owner to be solely responsible for maintaining the tree, tree well, and adjacent sidewalk areas in accordance with the Tree Planting Standards and OMC 12.22.20, including but not limited to: (1) Watering the tree as required; (2) Removing leaves, weeds, litter, and other debris from the tree well and surrounding areas; (3) Preventing tripping hazards and hazards to wheelchair users and others by maintaining the tree well at grade with the sidewalk and repairing any sidewalk damage caused by the tree or its roots; and (4) taking reasonable steps to prevent the tree and surrounding areas from creating hazards to pedestrians or vehicles.

I certify that I have followed all the Tree Planting Standards and that the above information is accurate. I understand that falsification of any information provided on this application may result in the denial or revocation of this permit and the requirement to remove the tree at my own expense. I understand that all trees planted under this permit shall comply with the City of Oakland's Tree Planting Standards and other applicable regulations.

I understand that the City reserves the right to inspect the property and revoke permits or require corrective action if violations are identified.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____