



Parks Division - Urban Forestry

Call Before You Design or Build Near City Trees

Tree Protection Policy

City of Saskatoon Council Policy #C09-011, *Trees on City Property*, states that trees on City property may not be removed, pruned, or destroyed in any way. The City requires residents, contractors, and agencies working near City-owned trees to take reasonable precautions to prevent damage to such trees.

The City will seek to hold liable residents, contractors, agencies and motor vehicle owners or drivers for any loss of or damage to tree(s) on City property occurring as a consequence of work, operations, deliberate acts, motor vehicle accidents or negligence, and such loss claimed will be an amount based on the compensation formula and any additional costs.

A refundable deposit may be required, as a damage holdback, to ensure tree protection is in compliance with Council Policy #C09-011.

How do I know when trees are owned by the City?

Any tree physically located on City property, including but not limited to parks, front and side yards, centre medians, and boulevards.

To find out if your tree is City-owned, call the Urban Forestry Inquiry Line at 306-975-2890.

How will tree protection affect my building plans?

Tree protection must be taken into account during the planning, design, demolition, and construction stages of your build. Areas of concern should be your overall building footprint, all utility installation including water and sewer, driveways, walk-paths, garages, landscaping, and future tree maintenance needs.

For more information about tree protection requirements and to schedule a site meeting, call Urban Forestry at 306-986-0836.



www.saskatoon.ca/trees

How do I protect trees?

Design:

- Limit new building footprints to avoid future conflicts
- Place utilities including water and sewer three metres from trees
- Place driveways and walk paths three metres from trees
- Place garages at a greater distance from trees to avoid future conflicts
- Do not plan to regrade the surface of the boulevard

Demolition:

- Follow the tree protection plan provided
- Avoid soil compaction by cushioning the area with six inches of wood mulch
- Avoid storing materials and equipment under tree canopies
- Avoid any physical damage
- Water root zones frequently

Excavation:

- Avoid excavation within three metres of a tree
- Only excavate on one side of a tree
- Cut exposed roots cleanly with a sharp tool and cover with soil immediately
- Water root zones frequently

Building Construction:

- Stay out of the tree protection zone
- Establish a separate staging and parking area for equipment away from the trees
- Avoid soil compaction by cushioning the area with six inches of wood mulch
- Avoid any physical damage
- Water root zones frequently

