



Dear Resident:

During the winter months, City maintenance staff will be trimming boulevard trees in your neighborhood. The boulevard is defined as the area from the edge of the street pavement to the property line. Depending on pavement width, this distance ranges from 13'5" to 15' and is City owned property.

The purpose of this program is to remove low hanging or dead branches from trees before they become a safety concern or hazard to the general public. Examples of these safety concerns would be:

- Tree branches obstructing vision at traffic control signs.
- Tree branches extending past curb lines interfering with pedestrians.
- Low hanging branches that scrape against the tops of school buses, delivery, or maintenance vehicles.
- Trees need to be trimmed at the curb line to a height of 15' for clearance and visibility.

In addition to removing safety hazards, tree trimming improves the health and appearance of trees. It also corrects defective form that can result in branch failure during windstorms. The City street maintenance staff is trained and experienced in the latest pruning techniques. The trees should respond well to this dormant season pruning.

In the next several days, weather permitting, you can assist us with this program by not parking on the street near boulevard trees until after they have been trimmed. This will help crews reach trees and avoid damage to cars. Clean-up crews will chip and remove all brush.

If you have any questions about a boulevard tree in front of your residence or the program in general, call the Public Works Maintenance Department at 651-792-7004.

Sincerely,

Steve Zweber
Public Works Superintendent Streets