

# TREE TRIMMING TIPS

**Your street trees** are important to the overall livability of your neighborhood.

**A few simple ways** to keep your trees, shrubs and vegetation in compliance with City codes:



- Overhanging trees/shrubs/vegetation need to be at least **8 feet above the sidewalk.**
- Overhanging trees/shrubs/vegetation need to be at least **12 feet above the street.**

- Trees/shrubs/vegetation **can't block view of traffic and important street signs.**



- Trees/shrubs/vegetation **can't block the sidewalk or street.** Keep the edges of all vegetation trimmed flush with the edge of the sidewalk and curb.

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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TRIM YOUR TREES?

- **Pedestrian and vehicle safety:** Overhanging trees and vegetation can block views of stop signs, oncoming traffic and street signs. Bikers and pedestrians can get hit by low-hanging branches.
- **Allows for essential services:** Garbage pickup, mail delivery, street repair, and street sweepers are impacted if overhanging vegetation is in the way.

## GETTING RID OF THE TRIMMINGS:

- **Use your weekly yard debris collection service.** Trimmings need to fit in cart, cannot exceed 120 lbs. and must be cut to 4 ft. or shorter.
- **Or, contact Metro for a list of disposal sites** at 503-234-3000 or visit [metro-region.org](http://metro-region.org).

## I WANT TO REMOVE MY STREET TREE.

**A free tree removal permit is required**, and you must replace the removed tree with one from the City's approved street tree list. See [GreshamOregon.gov/Trees](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Trees) or contact the Planner on Duty at **503-618-2780** for more information.

### Need Help?

Questions about how to keep your trees/vegetation in compliance?  
Contact Code Compliance at **503-618-2779**  
or [CodeEnforcement@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:CodeEnforcement@GreshamOregon.gov)