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Tree Pruning and Removals near City Streets

Trees along City streets within the right of way (ROW) are **sometimes removed** or pruned by City Staff or by other tree care providers under contract to the City. Sometimes is important since trees along City streets are owned by the property owner adjacent to that street. The City generally gets involved when a storm causes a tree or branch to fall, or if a tree is observed and determined likely to fall or drop major branches onto a public street or walkway. Safety is the primary concern.

The City does not make it a practice to pull vines out of trees unless the vine was determined to create the likelihood of the tree falling onto a street or walkway. On the other hand, any property owner may, at their discretion pull vines out of their trees along any street for any reason, even if they just do not like the way vines look in their trees. Vines occasionally cause tree damage and if a vine is deemed to be a safety risk to residents in a public area, the City would have authority to remove that vine.

City tree work is limited to the street ROW's which is typically about 10'-15' from the edge of the street hard surface. If a tree is further away than the street ROW and is damaged, diseased, or dead, and is likely to fall toward a street, the property owner may be contacted with a request to remove that tree by a specified future date.

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