



Winfield Landscaping and Trees along a roadway or in the Parkway Policy

The Town of Winfield regulates the maintenance and types of bushes, trees and landscaping that homeowners or developers may have placed along the street right-of-way or in the parkway between the streets and sidewalks. Trees in these areas are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain in order for trucks to collect garbage, school buses to pass, and to allow for snowplowing. These restrictions are intended to allow for free access to pedestrian and vehicle traffic using these public streets.

Property owners looking to either add or replace a tree, must contact the Town prior to planting any new trees in the parkway. Location and species must be reviewed by the Town. Contact the Town to get a list of approved trees for the parkway. Property owners may remove parkway trees at their own expense with permission from the Town and Public Works department. If a tree or vegetation has died the Town will remove and discard the dead tree but WILL NOT replace it with another one. The Town determines the condition of the tree by using a qualified person.

It is the homeowners' responsibility to maintain these items in a manner consistent with the provisions of this policy.

We ask all residents to comply with the following guidelines:

- On the sidewalks, any tree or bush overhanging the sidewalk must be kept trimmed to a height of no less than 7' above the walkway by the property owner.
- On the street side, any tree or bush overhanging the street must be kept trimmed to a height of no less than 12' feet above the street by the property owner.
- All trees, bushes and other landscaping must be maintained in a manner to allow for an unobstructed view of all traffic signs such as SPEED LIMIT, STOP, ETC. from a reasonable distance as they approach them by the property owner.

Each year during the fall months, the Public Works Department attempts to inspect and trim branches and bushes not in compliance with Town policy. Our goal is to minimize damage to larger vehicles such as our snow removal equipment, school buses, garbage collectors, and others.

Often, homeowners have their own ideas as to how they would like their trees trimmed and are not pleased with the finished job when left to the Public Works Department. Keeping these items trimmed in compliance with the Policy will prevent this type of disagreement.