

TREE TRIMMING, PLANTING AND REMOVAL POLICY & GUIDELINES

Tree Branches in Utility Poles

Southern California Edison periodically trims tree branches that are too close to utility poles. If you notice overgrown tree branches in or near high voltage wires, do the following: Call Southern California Edison at 1-800-655-4555 and follow the electronic prompt messages. There are typically 2 to 3 sets of cables on power poles. The bottom or lowest one is for cable/fiber optics or phone. The second set that typically comes to your house is secondary power lines that feed power to your home. These wires are typically coated wires and they belong to Southern California Edison. The third or highest cable line is high voltage and is uncoated. These wires should never touch tree foliage or any structure. If you see that they are touching, or are less than 10' from tree foliage, Call Southern California Edison at 1-800-655-4555.

City Right- of-Way Tree Trimming

The City trims trees in the parkway areas on a 3 year cycle. The City is divided into 3 zones and trees in each zone are trimmed once every 3 years.

If tree limbs or branches pose a potential danger (i.e. limbs/branches are less than 10' above the sidewalk, and/or less than 16' above the street pavement), fill out an on-line maintenance request form and describe the situation, or call Public Works for an inspection, at 310-544-5252.

The City does not allow any self trimming of trees or tree branches on City property or public right-of-way (street, sidewalk, parkway, etc).

Tree Removal

The City does not allow the removal of any trees on City property or City right-of-way without an authorized Public Works permit. A tree will be considered for removal only if the following criteria exist:

1. The tree is dead, diseased, or in the opinion of the Director of Public Works presents a safety hazard that can not be reasonably mitigated. Resident shall describe rationale for request.
2. The tree has damaged or is likely to damage public or private improvements including curb, gutter, sidewalk, pavement, sewer laterals, and/or water lines. Resident shall describe rationale for request (i.e. hired plumber to clear sewer lateral, (show receipt),sidewalk cracked and lifted repeatedly, driveway planter wall cracked and lifted, etc)
3. The tree has been ordered removed in accordance with the City View Restoration guidelines.

4. The tree is in conflict with an approved development project.

If you want to request a tree removal for any of the above reasons, please fill out an on-line maintenance request form, or call Public Works at 310-544-5252. Your request will be evaluated by the Department, and if warranted corrective action would be taken.

For a copy of the City Resolution discussing tree removal, please click [here](#)

Tree Planting

The City does not pay for the replacement of new trees. If a homeowner wants a replacement tree, the homeowner needs to follow these steps:

- Call Public Works Dept. at 310-544-5252 and ask for the authorized list of designated trees for your neighborhood. (get tree name)
- Contact the Maintenance Superintendent to arrange a conference with the City's contracted tree Maintenance Company and purchase the authorized tree through them. They will arrange the purchase and planting of the tree. There will be a fee of approximately \$115 to purchase and plant a 15 gallon tree. The cost to purchase a 24" box tree (depending on available) would be approximately \$230, which includes planting.
- Once payment is made, Public Works would arrange for the purchase and planting of the tree. This process should take approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete.

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