



# Street Tree Planting Standards

Please read this document and complete the **Street Tree Planting Permit** form on the following page. All standards must be followed for the tree planting permit to be valid.

## Site requirements:

Prior to planting, call Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811 or online at [811express.com](http://811express.com) to identify the location of underground utilities. Do not dig until the inspection is complete and your location meets the tree placement standards listed below.

## Tree standards:

- Only species on the current [Official Street Tree Species List](#) at the time of planting are allowed
- The species must be appropriate for the planting site location (consider water needs, size at maturity, and maintenance needs when making your decision)
- Minimum container size for all new trees is 15 gallons
- Every tree planted must comply with the [American Standard for Nursery Stock](#) (ANSI Z160.1)

## Tree placement standards:

- Minimum of five feet (5') from below ground utility lines, including but not limited to sewer, gas, and water
- Minimum of five feet (5') from above ground street fixtures, including but not limited to fire hydrants, utility poles or cabinets, bicycle racks, and parking meters
- Minimum of five feet (5') from residential driveway curb cuts *or* ten feet (10') from commercial driveway curb cuts (per OPW standards)
- Minimum of five feet (5') from parking control, traffic warning, pedestrian, or other informational traffic signs
- Minimum of twenty feet (20') from streetlamps, traffic signals, or regulatory traffic signs (including but not limited to "stop" and "yield" signs)
- Minimum of twenty feet (20') between trees
- Sidewalks must be a minimum of forty-eight inches (48") in width to comply with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Planting location cannot be within a bus stop zone or a disabled parking zone
- Overhead high voltage power lines: Only trees designated as plantable under power lines on the Official Street Tree list are allowable under high voltage power lines

## Watering:

Water trees 5 gallons per week for the first three years after planting.

## Recommendations:

Consult with and/or hire an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) to choose the appropriate tree species for your specific location. Visit [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org) to find an ISA-certified arborist.



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Please fill out this form and submit to Tree Services:

- Email: [TreeServices@oaklandca.gov](mailto:TreeServices@oaklandca.gov)
- Fax: (510) 615-5845
- Mail/Hand Delivery: Oakland Public Works, Tree Services  
7101 Edgewater Drive, Building 4, Oakland, CA 94621
- Or, fill out this form online: [www.oaklandtrees.info](http://www.oaklandtrees.info)

## Tree(s) to be planted:

Quantity	Species

## Site information:

Site address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree placement is under high voltage power lines:  Yes  No

Size of tree basin:

- Small sidewalk cutout (width 3'-4')
- Medium sidewalk cutout (width >4'-8')
- Large sidewalk cutout (width >8')

## Property Owner Information:

Property owner name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property owner's address (if different from above):

\_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to hold harmless the City of Oakland (City), its agents, officers, and employees from any damage or injury whatsoever caused by or in any way related to the planting, placement, maintenance, or removal of the planter or plants. The owner or owners of the respective property shall be solely liable for any damages.

I agree as the property owner to be responsible for watering the tree in accordance with the Tree Planting Standards and all leaf removal from the sidewalk and street area, keeping the planting wells free of weeds, litter, etc., and for preventing tripping hazards by maintaining that the tree well is at grade with the sidewalk.

I certify that I have followed all the Tree Planting Standards and the above information is correct. I understand that falsification of any information provided on this permit application will disqualify the tree from becoming an official City street tree.

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_