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STREET TREES HELP TO BEAUTIFY MUSCATINE

City Departments, citizens work together to strengthen our urban forest

MUSCATINE, Iowa – For more than 30 years, the City of Muscatine has received the Tree City USA designation for its efforts in the area of sound urban forestry management. The Parks and Recreation Department works diligently to manage street trees in public rights-of-way, care for trees in city parks, and to diversify the urban canopy.

Citizens of Muscatine have the opportunity to assist with these efforts by complying with the ordinances found in the [Weeds and Vegetation Management](#) chapter of the City Code of Muscatine (Title 16, Chapter 8).

Street trees consist of trees located within the public right-of-way. The maintenance of these trees is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner including trimming at heights of ten feet (10') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. A nuisance may be issued for trees that are not in compliance.

If a citizen wishes to plant a new tree or remove an existing street tree, a permit must be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department office. While street tree permits are free to obtain, costs associated with planting new street trees or the removal of healthy street trees are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

New street trees must be a species found on the [Right-of-Way Tree Planting List](#).

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Any street tree that is diseased, dead, or otherwise poses an immediate threat to the public health and welfare shall be the responsibility of the City. If a citizen would like to request the Parks and Recreation Department to evaluate a street tree adjacent to their property, a [Street Tree Request Form](#) may be submitted on the City website.

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