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Our Community Forest

Doing its part to maintain and preserve our priceless community forest, the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department's Community Forestry Section is responsible for all City-owned trees. It monitors the planting, pruning and removal of trees on public property, which includes street trees, park and golf course trees and trees along our trails. As a Tree City USA for more than 33 years, our green infrastructure is an integral part of our community.

Permit to Plant in the City Right of Way

A no-fee permit to plant trees on city property needs to be obtained BEFORE planting is done. Shrubs, perennial and annual flowering plants, ornamental grasses, and ground covers can also be planted within the sidewalk space, or abutting a sidewalk, and do not require a permit. Those plantings shall be maintained so that they do not extend over curbs, sidewalks, driveways, or alleys and have a maximum height of no more than thirty inches above the height of the adjoining curb. Please visit our website, parks.lincoln.ne.gov/communityforestry for a list of approved street trees or call the Community Forestry division if you have questions.

Street Tree Voucher Program

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department offers a cost-share assistance program, when funding is available, to property owners in Lincoln who desire to purchase and plant a street tree(s) on the City right-of-way adjacent to their property. Interested property owners may contact Forestry at 441-7035 to provide the address of their property where they are interested in possibly having a street tree(s). The Street Tree Voucher will have a specified redeemable value for each street tree(s) identified. Voucher may be redeemed at designated local participating tree nurseries towards the purchase and/or planting of street tree(s) as specified on combined voucher/planting permit. Voucher and permit are good for one year and will NOT be renewed.

Who do I contact about street trees and other trees on public property?

- Planting, Trimming, Maintenance - Community Forestry: 402.441.7035, weekdays from 8a-4:30p
- Tree Related Emergencies - Lincoln Police Department: 402.441.6000, after hours/weekends/holidays
- Vandalism/Vehicular Accidents - Lincoln Police Department: 402.441.6000
- Power Lines - Lincoln Electric System (LES): 402.467.7678

