



TREES & LANDSCAPING

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Is it time to trim your trees and shrubs?

Many of La Center's streets and sidewalks are lined with trees and shrubs, which enhance our home, neighborhoods, and community. Spring and fall are good times to prune your trees and shrubbery as it's easier to prune with most of the leaves off.

Overgrowth can be hazardous!

Overgrown trees and shrubs can pose serious potential safety hazards. Sidewalks overgrown by trees and shrubs can:

- Force pedestrians to use the street or find an alternate path to avoid interference from low limbs and overgrown shrubs.
- Present potential physical injury hazards to pedestrians.
- Block vision for drivers and pedestrians at intersections.
- Cause damage to the sidewalks from roots and tree trunks.

Untrimmed trees and shrubs that abut a street can:

- Obstruct street signs.
- Block drivers' vision
- Damage vehicles.
- Prevent vehicles from parking or stopping next to the curb and,
- Force taller vehicles to drive down the center of the road.

All of these have the potential to cause or contribute to accidents and serious injuries.

What do you need to do?

To provide for public safety, owners in charge of property that abuts upon a street or public sidewalk must keep all trees and bushes trimmed to a height of not less than eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and fourteen (14) feet above the street/gutter and vegetation may not encroach onto the sidewalk or street. It must be trimmed back flush with the edge of the sidewalk or curb.

Maintenance of street trees and other landscaping within the right-of-way is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Thank you in advance for maintaining your vegetation and helping keep La Center a beautiful and safe community for everybody to enjoy. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 360-263-7665.

