



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC TREE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS for:



1. Driveways being Replaced "In-Kind" without apron widening
2. Building Additions without Parkway Excavation
3. Emergency Sewer excavations in the parkway

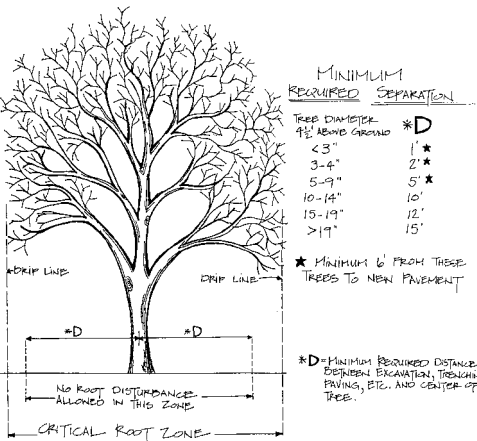
This is a summary of Code requirements typically related to the above projects only. Any other projects involving parkway excavation require Forestry Review and development of a Tree Protection Plan prior to permit approval and equipment mobilization.

The following measures shall be taken to protect all publicly-owned trees adjacent to or affected by the project:

- No heavy equipment operation, spoil piles or material storage within driplines (except for existing paved areas).
- All other Village Code requirements regarding trees must be followed (e.g. No removal without permit, no grade changes within dripline, no trunk wounding etc.) For complete details see Chapter Nine of the Village Code, and the Village Arboricultural Standards Manual.
- No publicly-owned tree may be pruned without a permit. If branches are in way of construction, call the Public Works Forestry Division.
- Additionally, for projects involving excavation in parkways:
 1. Generally, no excavation is allowed within the dripline of a parkway tree. (Driveway aprons being replaced "in-kind" are an exception; they may be replaced in the same location but without apron widening).
 2. For other projects, if it is necessary to excavate within the dripline, separations shown in the "Critical Root Zone" diagram below must be followed. In the rare event that these separations cannot be maintained for emergency sewer repair, every effort must be made to keep the excavation as far from the tree as possible.
 3. For all parkway excavations, if tree roots 2" or larger are encountered, they must be properly root pruned with a saw before backfilling, as per "Root Pruning" diagram below. Within the CRZ, backfilling of the upper 18" of soil shall not take place without a prior inspection by the Forestry Division.
 4. If tree root loss is too extensive, the Forestry Division may determine that the tree needs to be removed, and the cost of removal/replacement may be charged to the contractor. Additionally, fines may be added if it is determined that tree damage was more extensive than necessary.

Note: The Village reserves the right to require additional tree protection during construction if trees are being impacted.

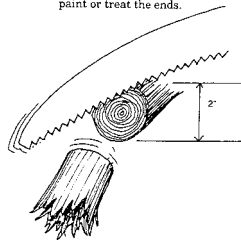
CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ)



PROPER ROOT PRUNING

Reason: Roots with a sharply cut end will quickly produce a flush of new roots, helping the tree to recover from its injury. A crushed or torn root leads to decay and few new roots.

Procedure: When tunneling or avoiding roots is not possible, trench carefully by hand or machine near trees, sawing roots over 2" in diameter. Make the cut flush with the side of the trench closest to the tree. No need to paint or treat the ends.



When roots 2" or larger are accidentally broken, dig out enough of the trench side to saw through an undamaged portion of the root.

PENALTIES FOR TREE PROTECTION VIOLATIONS

Village code allows for substantial fines for unauthorized damage to, or destruction of, publicly owned trees. Note that a separate offense may be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition, a stop work order may be issued if required tree protection measures are not implemented and maintained.

Note: This flyer contains a brief overview of the Village's tree protection requirements, current as of March 2004. In the event of a conflict between this flyer and the Village Code, the code requirements shall apply. **Questions about parkway tree protection may be directed to the Public Works Forestry Division at (847) 870-5640.**

I acknowledge that I have received and read this document, and it will be followed. Deviations may be made only if authorized in writing by Public Works Director or authorized staff.

Print and Sign Name Property Owner or Contractor (Circle one) _____
Date

Property Address _____ Type of Project: _____