

Tree Protection Guidelines for Construction Sites

Prior to initiation of construction work impacting trees, a tree protection plan shall be developed which provides the following information.

Site plan

- Location of trees by species and size to be protected, removed, planted.
- Location and width of site ingress and egress for vehicles and equipment.
- Location and dimension of temporary parking and/or storage areas.
- Location of existing and proposed changes to street, parking, grade, drainage, irrigation, structures and vegetation.
- Location and type of existing and proposed utilities.

Narrative

- Provide construction schedule including flow chart of tree work.
- Describe tree protection measures to be implemented.
- Provide species list, caliper size and specifications for tree planting, including irrigation system type, design and schedule.
- Identify arborist, landscape architect, and/or tree care contractor providing tree services.
- Identify name, mailing address, and telephone number of contact person responsible for overall Development, implementation, and performance of tree plan.

Tree protection recommendations

- Prune branches and roots,
- Temporarily fence off soil within rooting zone(s),
- Wrap trunks to prevent wounds,
- Spread wood chips or gravel to reduce soil compaction,
- Ensure property tree irrigation is provided throughout the term of the project,
- Add well-composted organic matter to tree(s) growing location following construction.

Meeting policy

Tree planting work shall be done in accordance with Utah State University Extension Bulletin EC 460.

Tree work shall be done in accordance with ANSI Z133.1-1994 and ANSI A300-1995. Directions provided in authorizing permits shall be followed.

Where possible, erect temporary construction fencing to enclose individual trees or tree groups to minimize tree injury and disturbance of the tree(s) growing location.

Tree care contractor providing services should be currently licensed to do business in Salt Lake City/County, registered with the Utah Division of Commercial Code, insured against personal injury and property damage, and certified as an arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture.

Prior to beginning work on city owned trees, the tree care contractor shall contact the City's Urban Forestry office to receive an authorizing permit.

Exceptions to the above guidelines shall be reviewed and approved by a member of the City's Urban Forestry staff prior to implementation.

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