

GUIDELINES FOR STREET TREES - PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY



This section applies only to trees located in the public right-of way. It does not apply to trees located on private property.

RECOMMENDED:

1. Species of street trees should be chosen from the current list of “Recommended Street Trees” on file with the Department of Metropolitan Development.
2. Trees should branch out more than seven feet above grade.
3. Trees should not interfere with traffic or inhibit pedestrian movement.
4. Trees should frame and accent buildings.

NOT RECOMMENDED:

1. Trees that branch out less than seven feet above grade.
2. Trees that are “messy” or “smelly” (i.e. Tree-of-Heaven, Southern Catalpa, female ginko, etc.). Some species of trees are prohibited by the munipicle code of City of Indianapolis.

PLEASE NOTE! The planting or removal of street trees in the public right-of-way should comply with all applicable ordinances and regulations in Marion County, Indiana. Trees planted in any portion of the public right-of-way (i.e. sidewalk median, streets, alleys, etc.), require an encroachment license from the Department of Metropolitan Development – Permits Division. Information regarding encroachment licenses may be obtained from <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DMD/Compliance/Permits/encroachment.htm>