



# Parkway Cyclical Tree Pruning

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# Purpose of Brief:

- Village's Municipal Code for Parkway Tree Pruning
- Village's Communication to Residents
- Overall resident's response to pruning
- Request approval to change the Village Code for pruning and do cyclical tree pruning by Village's contractor



# Village's Municipal Code on Parkway Tree Pruning

Municipal Code: Section 3-6-9: Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of any parkway tree adjacent to their property and/or any tree located on their private property.

## **Section 3-6-9**

Pruning, Right of Way Clearance.

*Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right of way within the Village shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The Village, in accordance with the law, shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light or interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign.*

Chapter 3-6 of the Municipal Code provides additional information regarding the Village's Tree Management Program.

# Village's Communication to Residents

- **Newsletter and Webpage:** Information on owner's responsibilities was distributed in previous quarterly newsletter to residents with information below.
- **Self Help:** How to perform maintenance of pruning and installing mulch around the tree is provided on Village website.
- **Contractor Help:** A list of pre-qualified contractors is available as link on the Village's website.

INQUIRING MINDS

**Who trims my parkway trees?**

Although residential parkways are Village of Orland Park property, the trees must be trimmed by the homeowner. By ordinance, trees must have an eight foot clearance from the ground and sidewalks. If you have a concern regarding a parkway tree, please contact the Public Works Department at publicworks@orlandpark.org or call (708) 403-6350.

**Do I need a permit from the Village of Orland Park to have work done on my home?**

For most work, (fences, roofs, hot water heaters, furnaces, pools, decks, etc.) a permit is required. Please visit the Village of Orland Park website, orlandpark.org/permits for further information. Permits are available on the website and can be filled out before bringing to the Development Services Department at Village Hall (14700 S. Ravinia Ave.) Fees are listed in the permit section.

**Do the holidays impact Waste Management services? If so, which ones?**

TREE RESOURCES

### TREE RESOURCES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Per the Village's Municipal Code (3-6), residents of the Village of Orland Park are responsible for maintenance of trees in the right-of-way. This includes pruning branches so that they do not obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there is clear space, free of obstructions, eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk and 13 feet above the street. As such, the Village has established the following tree resources to educate property owners in proper tree maintenance, as well as aid residents in finding affordable and quality tree maintenance options.

**PRE-QUALIFIED TREE COMPANIES**

The following is a list of pre-qualified contractors used by the Village of Orland Park for tree maintenance services. These companies are only a recommendation for residents to use for tree maintenance services. Residents may use a different tree contractor, but it is recommended that the chosen contractor have a Certified Arborist(s) on staff. All tree contractors must be registered with the Development Services Department to perform work in the Village of Orland Park. Visit orlandpark.org/development-services for more information.

**Smitty's Tree Service, Inc.**  
12736 S. Ridgeway, Alsip, IL 60803  
(708) 385-2814, smittystreecicago@gmail.com

**The Davey Tree Expert Co.**  
9650 194th St, Mokena, IL 60448  
(708) 460-555, marcus.parker@davey.com

**Winkler's Tree Services, Inc.**  
114 N. Mannheim Road, Bollwood, IL 60104  
(708) 544-1219, customerservice@winklertreeservices.com

**Homer Tree Care, Inc.**  
14000 S. Archer Ave, Lockport, IL 60441  
(815) 838-0320, Ryan.Counityman@hometree.com

**V3 Companies**  
7325 Jones Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517  
(630) 729-622, bmillis@v3co.com

**Mid America Tree & Landscape, Inc.**  
0909 W. 187th Street, PO Box 347, Mokena, IL 60448  
(708) 906-0933, midam347@gmail.com

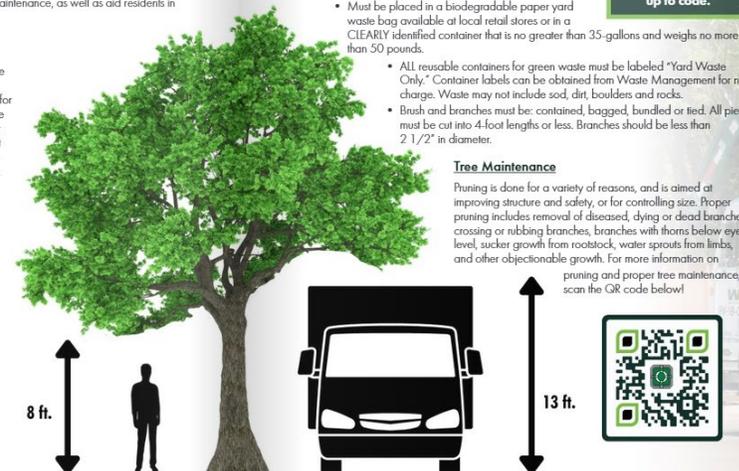
**Disposing of yard waste with Waste Management**

Waste Management offers yard waste pickup in the Village of Orland Park from April 1 through the second full week of December. Residents can utilize this service to dispose of tree branches, weeds, leaves, and other green materials. All yard waste must be placed at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on the day of service and must follow these pick-up guidelines:

- Must be separate from garbage and recycling.
- Must be placed in a biodegradable paper yard waste bag available at local retail stores or in a CLEARLY identified container that is no greater than 35-gallons and weighs no more than 50 pounds.
- All reusable containers for green waste must be labeled "Yard Waste Only." Container labels can be obtained from Waste Management for no charge. Waste may not include sod, dirt, boulders and rocks.
- Bush and branches must be contained, bagged, bundled or tied. All pieces must be cut into 4-foot lengths or less. Branches should be less than 2 1/2" in diameter.

**Tree Maintenance**

Pruning is done for a variety of reasons, and is aimed at improving structure and safety, or for controlling size. Proper pruning includes removal of diseased, dying or dead branches, crossing or rubbing branches, branches with thorns below eye level, sucker growth from rootstock, water sprouts from limbs, and other objectionable growth. For more information on pruning and proper tree maintenance, scan the QR code below!



**In the coming weeks, Public Works Staff will be working around the Village looking at sites and providing notices to those with trees not up to code.**

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<https://www.orlandpark.org/departments/public-works/trees>

# Overall resident response

- Most residents don't follow the Municipal Code
  - They don't have experience pruning correctly or not at appropriate times of the year.
  - They don't believe parkway trees should be their responsibility to maintain due to the Village planting them and the Village owns them.
  - They don't heed the code causing too large of workload for MV violations for Code Enforcement when they could be addressing other important issues.
- Overall, the parkway area is the most confusing for residents and Public Works receives a heavy call volume based on who is responsible for maintenance, ownership, and digging rights for easements. This area includes trees, sidewalks, utility easements, sprinkler systems, mailboxes, grass maintenance, curbs, and driveway aprons.

# Additional Information

- Public Works does do tree pruning for locations for Road Improvement Program (RIP) due to large construction vehicles damaging tree limbs but this is every 20+ years.
  - This has led to confusion and frustration for homeowners who see trees pruned for the RIP.
- Due to pruning is usually around every 5 years, we broke the Village into seven (7) zones for a cycle of seven (7) years to reduce some costs.

# Alternative Plan Recommendation

- Change the Municipal Code for pruning for 7/21 BOT.
- Public Works will bid out a seven (7) year pruning cycle contract with first year addressing six (6) troublesome areas that includes zone 1 and have large growth trees for 7/21 BOT approval.
  - For next six years, the costs will be based on # of trees in each zone and the cost provided by low bidder of the pre-qualified master service agreement tree contractor.
- Pruning will occur during the Fall when trees become dormant so their health is not affected.
- Cost is expected to be covered within current budget with the descoping of CPW screens.
- A communication plan to be provided to residents through social, website, and newsletter update.

# Questions?

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