



CITY OF RICHMOND

TREE TRIMMING POLICY

Purpose

To provide consistent guidelines for the responsibility of tree trimming and care of trees/vegetation in the City's Right of Way.

Scope

This policy applies to the corporate city limits of Richmond

Residential Property

The City does not provide tree trimming on personal or non-city owned property that does not interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Dead or diseased trees in the City's right of way on residential property will be removed by the City of Richmond

Dead or diseased trees in the City's right of way on non-residential property will be the removed by the property owner. If the tree poses a safety risk, the City will take steps to mitigate the immediate safety concern. The City will provide a 30-day notice to non-residential property owners of dead or diseased trees of the need to remove potentially dangerous vegetation. If no action is taken, the City will initiate the removal and bill the property owner for the cost.

The City does provide tree trimming for all city street right of ways using the following guidelines:

- The City does not provide tree trimming on personal or non-city owned property
- No tree branch shall hang lower than 12 feet over the roadway
- No tree limb shall hang lower than 8 foot over the public sidewalk
- Tree trimming will be provided to ensure vehicular and pedestrian safety, not for aesthetics
- All trees, bushes, shrubs, and other types of foliage shall not obstruct visual sight line of street signs, regulatory signs or illumination from streetlights.