

ROCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
403 EAST CENTER STREET
ROCHESTER, MN 55904

FORESTRY DIVISION

BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING PERMITS

Property owners who wish to plant a tree on the boulevard adjacent to their property must first obtain a tree planting permit from the Rochester Park and Recreation Department. The permit is free and does not obligate the property owner. The permit contains the following information:

1. The species and variety of tree that is to be planted on that particular street. Each street in the City is zoned for multiple tree varieties.
2. The minimum recommended size to be planted--usually 6'-8' in height and no larger than 2.5" in diameter
3. The specific planting location for the tree--i.e., tree #1 to be planted 25 ' north of the driveway, tree #2, 35 feet north of tree #1 etc etc. Tree locations are determined by the following guidelines:
 - a. space trees \pm 30' apart
 - b. no trees within 25' of intersections
 - c. no trees closer than 12' to utility box, transformer, fire hydrant, street light, utility pedestal
 - d. typically keep a distance of 30' between boulevard and private trees
 - e. locate trees to maximize shading affect on south and west side of house
 - f. locate boulevard trees to compliment property landscape and site conditions--i.e., drainage patterns etc
 - g. do not locate tall growing species under utility wires
4. An information sheet on the proper planting and care of newly planted trees along with a note of caution for the homeowner to notify GOPHER STATE 1-Call prior to digging in the boulevard.
5. Trees planted in the boulevard become the property of the City of Rochester. Adjacent property owners are not compensated for the loss of the tree in the event the tree dies or is removed by the City.