

Frequently Asked Tree Questions Hayden, Idaho

Do you have questions about Hayden's community forestry program? Do you need help with your street tree? Answers to your questions are shown below.

- **What is community forestry?** Community forestry is the management of tree and landscape related resources within a community. Community forest management involves both long term planning and day to day maintenance.
- **How does it differ from traditional forestry?** Community forestry programs manage many different resources, such as trees, landscape plants, turf, irrigation systems, wildlife, and people. Community forests also interact with improvements such as streets and sidewalks, traffic signals and street lights, park and playground improvements, and buildings. Community forestry managers manage risk.
- **How do trees benefit me?** Community trees have many benefits to citizens. Trees shade paving, cooling the surrounding air, and increasing the life of asphalt. Trees increase the value of property. Trees reduce summer air conditioning costs. Trees provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. Trees improve the mental health of neighborhoods. Trees produce oxygen that allows us to breathe! On average, trees produce \$1.89 in benefits for every \$1 spent on their maintenance.
- **Do trees have to be maintained?** Yes. In order to provide maximum benefits, trees must be maintained. Typical tree maintenance includes proper selection and planting, formative pruning when young, maintenance pruning when older, and removal when necessary. When a new tree is planted, the cycle is then repeated.
- **Who is responsible for taking care of Hayden street trees?** The abutting controller, or property owner, is responsible for maintaining street trees. The city will remove a tree when it is dead, dying, disease, or unsound.
- **Do I have to have a permit to plant or maintain the street tree?** Yes, a permit is required to plant a tree, perform significant trimming work, or remove a tree. A permit is not required for minor trimming work.
- **What standards must I follow during tree maintenance work?** The Hayden Tree Maintenance Manual provides detailed information on proper tree maintenance.

