

Street Tree Canopy Maintenance

Week of September 25, 2023 – Section 2B

Crews plan to begin on Tuesday and finish up within the week weather permitting. They will set up at 7:30 each morning but will wait to run loud equipment until 8am. This photo shows the order in which they will move through the area, starting in the green highlighted section and finish the week with the red section.



2023 – Historically South Riding mulches street* trees and elevates the canopy up to 12’-15’ feet. This year we are beta testing an additional service, a complete canopy maintenance and pruning of all the street* trees.

This summer and fall we will introduce this service to sections: 1A, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2D. Click [here](#) to find your section number.

2024 – 2030 – Going forward we plan to budget for this service for the remainder of the community to be completed in 5-7 years. It will be provided on a systematic schedule, continuing in order of age (oldest home sections to newest). In short, we hope to provide this service on a 5–7-year regular schedule.

In order to maintain and manage costs, deviation from the schedule or special requests will not be available. Should a homeowner wish, they are more than welcome to have a professional prune their tree at the homeowner's expense as has been our historic tradition.

The 2023 work will be completed by a small team of professional tree climbers and an arborist will be onsite throughout. This maintenance and pruning will be completed on the entire tree with the goal of improving the health and storm resistance of the trees as well as cutting them away from nearby light poles and homes.

**Street trees are those trees located in the right of way easement between the sidewalk and the street.*

Remove branches shown with dotted lines:

Remove limbs that extend beyond the natural crown of the tree.

Remove dead, broken or crossing limbs

Remove limbs that turn inward towards the trunk.

Do not leave branch stubs.

Remove root suckers and sprouts.

Remove competing stems to develop a single trunk.

Shorten low branches to develop trunk thickness

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