

# Multnomah Neighborhood Tree Team

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## Neighborhood Trees

### The Value of Trees

Neighbor Trees are a valuable asset to our community. Beyond aesthetic benefits, trees shade us, lower our energy costs, filter our water, clean our air, calm traffic, increase our property values, and provide wildlife habitat. They also enhance our health and neighborhood livability.

Some trees in our neighborhood have provided more than \$20,000 worth of environmental and aesthetic benefits in their individual lifetime. If you would like to know the net value of a tree on your property, read more about the free desktop software iTrees that allows you to calculate this at iTreetools.org

### We have hundreds of Public Street Trees in Multnomah - Does one live near you?

Many people in our neighborhood do not realize some of the trees they think are on their property are actually a Public Tree. In neighborhoods without sidewalks, you can identify a Public Street Tree by:

1. Going to PortlandMaps.com
2. Typing in your address.
3. Clicking on the airplane icon in the upper right corner for an aerial view.
4. If a tree is outside the yellow lot line, then it is a public street tree.



## Tree Pruning

### Street trees

A free online permit can be obtained to prune branches less than 6 inches at attachment to the stem. Branches greater than 6 inches at attachment to the stem require a free permit and a free urban forestry inspection. No permit is required for cuts less than ½ inch.

### Private tree pruning

In general, no permit is required to prune a tree on private property unless the tree is a native tree in an environmental overlay zone.

**“The best time to plant a tree is  
twenty years ago.  
The second best time is now.”**

## Tree removal

### Street trees

A \$35.00 permit is required for removing street trees, with a replanting requirement.

### Private trees

For trees on private property, permits are generally required for tree removals, depending on tree size and location.

See Permit information for more details on both Street and Private Trees by going to the Urban Forestry Link

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38294>

Then click on the Tree Permits Button on the left side of the page.

# Multnomah Tree Plan

## MISSION STATEMENT

Multnomah Neighborhood Tree Team's mission is to protect and conserve a diverse and sustainably healthy tree population in our neighborhood through planning, preservation, plantings and community education.

## GOALS

1. Reaching the Urban Forestry Management Plan's target of having 33% of canopy coverage.
2. Community Education about:
  - Heritage Trees
  - Caring for Trees
  - Public Street Trees
  - City Tree Permit Policy
3. Create a "Multnomah Tree Walk" map featuring interesting trees and wildlife habitat.
4. Planting more trees in the right of way - researching which tree to plant - the "right tree in the right place."
5. Nominate more Heritage Trees and publicly celebrate ones added by the city each spring.
6. Review our progress each May and revise these goals when necessary.

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A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible.

~Welsh Proverb

## Heritage Trees

One of our main goals is to increase the number of Heritage Trees legally protected by the city. Currently our Neighborhood has only two specified Portland Heritage Trees. This year we nominated thirty additional trees for consideration by the city.

Heritage Trees are selected based on historical significance, horticultural value size, or age and are protected by the city. You may nominate a tree on your property by using the link in the Resource List.

Anyone can nominate a public tree. If you know of a great public tree near you consider nominating it. Just fill out one simple form. A tree and some of your neighbors will be glad you did! If you have questions, you can contact Urban Forestry or the Multnomah Tree Team. Nomination forms are due by May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

## How You Can Help

### You Are Invited to Join Our Action Oriented Multnomah Tree Team

Make a big investment in the future with a small investment of your time today. We have planning meetings about once a month that usually last an hour. We ask that you put in some additional hours on one project a year. See our contact info in the **Resource List**

## Plant a Tree

Especially if you have removed one. Our canopy coverage has been shrinking in recent years. A planted tree can be part of your legacy to future generations...

## Creative Snags

Consider turning your dead tree into a bird condominium for wildlife. Certain arborists in town can create a safe snag with cavities that will attract specific types of birds. They follow up with a yearly safety check.

## Get to know your trees

Learn to identify your street trees so you can understand how to better care for them.

## Learn to maintain your street trees

Trees need occasional pruning to promote health and good form, and provide clearance for pedestrians. Not sure how to prune? Contact PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit.

## Resource List

### Multnomah Tree Team

- [MultnomahTreeTeam@protonmail.com](mailto:MultnomahTreeTeam@protonmail.com)

### See Portland Urban Forestry website for:

- Heritage Tree Information
- Public Tree Pruning Permits
- Private Tree Pruning Information
- Tree Removal Permit - Public or Private  
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38294>  
**503-823-8733 503-823-TREE**  
[trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov)

### Canopy Analytics

An interactive map that allows you to see how tall a tree on your property might be. Data last updated in 2014.

- <https://climatecope.research.pdx.edu/canopyanalytics>