

Permit Application

Pesticide applications permit for municipally owned trees in R. O. W.

Please complete and return to the City of Stoughton Street Dept. for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be processed – all info is required. Please print legibly.

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Applicator License No: _____

Tree address: _____

Adjacent Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Type of tree(s): (species) _____ DBH: _____

Type of Treatment: _____ or circumference in inches

Product, Chemical: _____

EPA No: _____ Application Type/Rate: _____

Date/Time of Application: _____

Signature (Home Owner): _____ Comments: _____

Signature (applicator): _____

*Approval based on city inspection *Attach certified Arborist report & photos (if available)

*Trees must exhibit structural soundness

*Pesticide permit may be revoked at any time

*Homeowner must renew the permit **EVERY** two years

Authorization: _____ Date: _____

Permit Expires on: _____

(Permit may be renewed by the City Forester at their discretion)

NOTE: If tree is found positive for infection(s) this permit may be voided and tree removed.

Submit application to: City of Stoughton
515 South Fourth Street, Stoughton WI 53589
608.873.6303

I agree to comply with City of Stoughton _____ regarding trees and shrubbery. I agree to hold harmless the City of Stoughton, its agents, officers, and employees for any damage or injury caused by reason of pesticide treatment of street trees. **I understand that treating trees is not a guarantee of their survival and that any street tree that fails, even though it has been treated, will be removed.**

Street Trees Removal and Maintenance Policy

Definitions. For the purpose of this section the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein:

- (1) Public streets include all public streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks and easements
- (2) Public place include all public streets, parks and other lands owned or leased by the city.
- (3) Public trees and/or public shrubs include all woody vegetation presently or hereafter planted on any public areas.
- (4) Plant refers to any living organism which possesses a cell wall and is capable of synthesizing its own food from inorganic substances. It may or may not be woody.
- (5) Maintenance and protection shall include all operations of: trimming, pruning, spraying, injecting, fertilizing, treating, bracing, or cutting above or below the ground.
- (6) Hazard is any tree, or tree part with a potential to fail and with the presence of an adjacent target.
- (7) Target includes people or property potentially affected by tree failure.
- (8) Nuisance tree is any tree described as such in the standards and specifications.
- (9) Standards & Specifications refer to the Parkrow Tree Specifications addendum that describes those arboricultural standards and specifications which shall be followed relating to the planting, culture, and removal of any trees and shrubs. The addendum is not set out herein but is on file in the office of the Street Department.
- (10) Parkrow is the road right-of-way, typically the landscaped easement between the sidewalk and curb or street edge.

(m) *Public tree care.*

- (1) *Removal.*
 - a. The city may, on the recommendation of the Tree Commission to the Street Superintendent, remove or cause to be removed any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power, gas, or water rights-of-way, or other public improvements or is affected with any injurious disease or insect pest. Notification of such removal shall be given to adjacent land owners prior to such removal.
 - b. No property owner and/or individual may remove or cause to be removed any tree on city-owned property without first obtaining written permission from the Street Superintendent. An application for the removal of a tree or trees shall be submitted to the Street Superintendent for review. The Street Superintendent shall consider among other things, the aesthetics of the area and shall weigh the harm to the city and the general area against the benefit of such removal to the property owner and/or individual when deciding on whether or not to grant the permission. The application for permission from the Street Superintendent will include: the reason for the removal and who will remove the tree. Any removal allowed under this section will be at the expense of the applicant. The city may require that a replacement tree be planted also at the applicant's expense if deemed necessary.
- (2) *Pruning.*
 - a. All public deciduous trees in parkrows shall be pruned as needed by the City per the recommendation of the tree commission on a rotational basis of not more than ten years. This involves pruning each city-owned deciduous tree at least

once during this time period as needed based on the prune specifications described in the Standards and Specifications, which are not set out herein but are on file in the office of the street superintendent.

b. Any public tree which because of growth habit, age, condition or disease becomes a hazard to public safety or obstructs a clear view of streets, signs, signals or intersections, will be maintained to correct the problem.

c. Hanging limb and branch growth will be maintained 14 feet above streets and nine feet above sidewalks provided also that no part of the tree shall extend nearer than ten feet to the center of the street unless part of the tree is more than 20 feet over the surface of the street. Any trees not trimmed as herein provided shall be deemed hazardous. The city has the right to prune or remove any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the safe use of the street or sidewalk or when it interferes with the visibility of any traffic control device or sign at the owners' expense.

d. There shall be no pruning of oaks (*Quercus* sp.) or elms (*Ulmus Americana*) between the periods of April 15 through November 1 to prevent the spread of disease. Any emergency trimming (from the period of April 15 through November 1) necessary to correct storm damage must have pruning wounds treated with a wound treatment compound or non-toxic thick paint at the time of limb removal. It is the responsibility of the person doing the pruning to treat those wounds.

(3) *General care.*

a. Public trees shall be managed to promote their general health by providing the necessary cultural practices which may include insect and disease control, fertilization, irrigation, staking, wrapping, and pruning.

b. Trees shall be maintained as not to endanger, interfere or otherwise conflict with requirements of safe public use of an area. Any tree which, because of an epidemic disease or insect infestation, poses a threat to other trees or plants in the community shall be treated to control the spread of the problem organism. The city will manage the public trees in such an instance and it is the responsibility of each homeowner to comply with this section as it relates to trees located on private property.

(4) *Protection of trees.* All trees on any street or other city owned improved property adjacent to any excavation site or site of construction of any building, structure, or street work, shall be guarded with a substantial fence not less than four feet high and eight feet square with the protected tree sited in the center of said fence; or at a distance in feet from the tree equal to the diameter of the trunk in inches at breast height, which ever is greater. All building material, soil or other debris shall be kept outside the barrier. Caution should be used during the construction process to avoid damage to the roots, trunks, and branches of all street trees. Damage caused to any street tree, or irrigation system will be repaired at the discretion of the Street Superintendent and the costs of repair, rejuvenation, and/or value lost will be billed to the contractor or credited against the contract at the option of the city. Tree species which appear on the nuisance trees or other prohibited trees list within the standards and specifications of the tree commission, which are not set out herein but are on file in the office of the Street Superintendent, may be exempt from protection following consent of the tree commission.