

## TREE FAQs

### **What trees are pruned in the city?**

The City of Strongsville prunes the trees that are located in the City's right-of-ways. (Typically the area between the sidewalk and the curb.)

### **What are some of the benefits of pruning my street tree?**

There are number of reasons why trees are pruned. Our number one priority is safety, so branches that are dead or hazardous are always addressed. Next we look for potential hazards (pedestrian and vehicle clearance) and crossing branches.

### **Who prunes our street trees and what are their qualifications?**

The City of Strongsville Service Department has a special crew dedicated to tree work. All members of the crew go through extensive training. 3 of the 4 man crew are ISA Certified Arborists and one is in training.

### **When can a tree be pruned?**

Depends to a large extent on **why** you prune. Light pruning and the removal of dead wood (or potentially hazardous branches) can be done **anytime**. The most common practice is to prune during the dormant season. Therefore, the City does the majority of pruning during the winter. Pruning can also be done in the summer.

### **What type of clean-up is involved after a tree is pruned?**

The tree crew typically prunes the trees on a given street and leaves the branches in the tree lawn. At the end of the work day - or if they are moving to a new location at that time, they will return to chip the brush. This is done to minimize the disturbances to the homeowners (as the chipper is loud).

### **How is the brush disposed of and where does it go?**

Due to disease and insect transmission potential, wood chips are not available to the residents. All chips are composted at an EPA State appropriate composting facility.

### **Is there any special care needed after pruning?**

No, it is not necessary to protect pruning cuts.

### **How often does a tree need to be watered after being planted?**

That depends on the weather and your soil conditions. Typically, if we have no rain, I suggest placing the hose at the base of the tree. Turn the hose on a "trickle;" this will allow the water to

move slowly. Leave the hose there for 15-20 minutes. This should be done once a week for the first 4 weeks, tapering off to once every two weeks. Remember each site is unique, so you may need more or less water.

**My street looks like it is in decline, can I have it removed and replaced?**

Yes, please call (440) 580-3124. We can inspect your tree and if need be, have it removed.

The Strongsville Shade Tree Commission offers a street tree replacement program. This is a cost-share program.