



Tree Hazard Mitigation Project • Updated 11/15/24

Project Overview

- On July 24, 2024, Missoula experienced hurricane-force winds, damaging thousands of trees in the city right-of-way and creating significant risk to public safety.
- Approximately 5,200 publicly owned trees have hanging limbs or broken branches that could endanger people and property.
- About 430 trees will be removed due to severe structural damage.
- The City's largest-ever urban forestry initiative will address these hazards, prioritizing public safety.

What to Expect

- Contracted forestry crews will work systematically throughout the city beginning the week of Nov. 18.
- There may be some noise and temporary parking restrictions.
- Contractors will provide notice to move parked cars at least 24 hours before work starts.

Tree Assessment

- Yellow tags: Indicate trees with hanging limbs or broken branches requiring treatment.
 - Work focuses on risk reduction, not general tree maintenance or aesthetics.
- Red/Orange tags: Denote trees posing an imminent threat to public safety, slated for removal.
- Check the [Project Dashboard](#) for details on specific trees—it shows photos and more information about each tree to be treated.
- Keep in mind that the dashboard changes frequently as the project progresses and we inspect more trees.
- If you have additional questions after viewing the dashboard, please use the [Tree Service Request](#) form to contact the Urban Forestry Division.

Key Points

- Adjacent property owners will not be charged for this work.
- FEMA funding allows only for addressing immediate safety risks from the July 24 storm.
- Most work will be completed within 60-120 days.

Meeting with Urban Forestry Staff

- The Urban Forestry Division values property owners' interest in the health and longevity of adjacent trees. However, due to the unprecedented volume of storm damage and limited manpower, City staff cannot schedule pre-treatment meetings with property owners at this time.
- The priority is to remove storm-caused tree hazards as quickly as possible to ensure public safety.

For More Information

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Visit www.missoulaparks.org/storm for updates.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this crucial public safety initiative.