

Acquiring a Permit - According to South Ogden City Code § 7-2-1 et.seq. a permit is required to either plant, remove, move, or modify any tree on public property. The person applying for the no cost permit shall agree in writing that they will bear full responsibility for the maintenance and care of such. This permit needs to be submitted to the South Ogden City offices at least 1 week prior to planting.

Selecting a Tree - The South Ogden Urban Forestry Commission has reviewed and selected a wide variety of trees for planting in specific park strip size areas. Residents are asked to choose a tree from the authorized list for their planting. If a resident wants a variance, the request needs to be submitted 6 weeks in advance of planting to the Urban Forestry Commission.

Planting Your Tree - Proper planting determines the success of a young tree. Many nurseries sell healthy stock but be cautious of parking lot greenhouses when it comes to your tree selection. Trees should have a 2" diameter trunk, and no signs of insect damage or disease. Most trees are sold with the roots bound in burlap and this makes the best and easiest means to transport your tree. Make sure you dig the hole twice the width of the burlap ball and equal depth as the ball. Carefully cut away all the burlap and remove the wire basket and any rope or twine around the trunk and roots. When covering roots with soil, make sure the original soil level corresponds with the finished grade of the area. Do not replace or plant grass next to the tree. Allow a significant area around the trunk to be covered with mulch as this will prevent any damage to the tree by mowing and trimming. Water the newly planted trees frequently during the first growing season to promote its establishment. Do not fertilize during the first growing season. Staking the tree is only necessary if it is needed to protect the trunk from equipment, or to support the trunk in an upright position. Otherwise...do not stake. Enjoy your new trees for many years to come.

Protect Your Investment - Homes with established trees retain a higher value than those without but making sure your trees remain healthy can take time. Know which insects are prone to your tree species and check regularly for signs of insect damage. Watch for crossed limbs, included bark, or other irregularities to your tree growth and utilize a certified arborist for tree pruning. Know how much water your tree receives through each of the seasons and make necessary adjustments to sprinklers or hand watering to ensure the tree receives what it needs to remain healthy. With proper planting, watering, and care given to your trees, you can watch your investment "grow" as it ages.

**For more information on trees,
check out these websites:**

South Ogden Urban Forestry Commission
http://www.southogdencity.com/index.php?module=ibcms&fxn=parks_recreation.ufc1
National Arbor Day Foundation
<http://www.arborday.org/>
National Arborists Association
<http://www.natlarb.com/>
CommunityTrees.org
<http://www.communitytrees.org>
Tree Link
<http://www.treelink.org/>
Trees Are Good
<http://www.treesaregood.com>

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**YOUR GUIDE TO
PLANTING TREES ON
SOUTH OGDEN CITY PROPERTY**



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PLANT, PRUNE or REMOVE A TREE ON CITY PROPERTY

This request is for:

REMOVAL: Request to remove an existing tree located on city property

PLANTING: Request to plant a new tree on city property

PRUNING: Request to prune an existing tree located on city property

Address where work is to be performed:

Tree species being planted, removed, or pruned:

Approximate tree height:

Name and address of person/company performing work:

Describe work requested and indicate the number and type of trees involved. Illustrate below or separate piece of paper to clarify if necessary.

Would you like an Arborist or his representative to meet with you on the site? _____

Applicant Name (Print): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

*You will be notified within 48 hours of the permit decision.

BENEFITS OF TREE PLANTING IN THE CITY

The “urban forest” refers to all trees, both public and private, which are found growing in cities, towns and communities throughout America. The early pioneers of Utah brought tree seeds from their home lands to start creating a “Garden of Eden” in the desert. Because of their efforts, South Ogden City has a wide variety of tree species within the city. Over the years, many of these trees have become too large for their areas, have become infected with disease and/or insects, or have just deteriorated to the point where they need to be removed. Now the question: should the removed tree be replaced with a new tree? The following are some major reasons why you would want to replant a new tree:

- Trees offer a great aesthetic value plus add monetary value to your home.
- Trees provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Trees provide shade which can keep buildings up to 20 degrees cooler in the summer.
- Trees help reduce stress. The sight, sound, smell and touch of plants can reduce stress levels.
- Crime levels in communities are reduced when there are extensive street tree systems and well landscaped parks.
- Trees provide privacy and help reduce noise and glare.
- Trees improve our air by capturing pollution particles in leaves and reducing carbon dioxide, give oxygen, and reduce water run off.
- Trees divert wind away from structures. In winter, trees aligned as a windbreak can save on heating costs.



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

THE RIGHT TREE FOR THE RIGHT SPOT

The South Ogden Urban Forestry Commission has researched and reviewed various tree species for planting on City property. Code § 7-2-1 et. seq. contains the list of trees that are acceptable for planting on City property. These trees have been selected as desirable for their appearance, resistance to insects and disease, the longevity, and are considered the best trees to be planted in these areas. Other characteristics considered by the South Ogden Urban Forestry Commission when selecting trees for the approved list for street planting were weather tolerance, ability to fit into confined spaces, cleanliness, minimal maintenance requirements, noninvasive roots and pollution resistance. Of course, no single tree meets all of these specifications ... and may not need to, depending on site conditions. However, knowing which trees exhibit which characteristics will help your selections survive and even thrive. The survival of our city street trees is increasingly dependent upon public participation in the care of their neighborhood trees.

The benefits of street trees in the urban environment should not be underestimated. Trees are not only major players in improving the air quality; they may also be the only connection to nature for some city dwellers. Street trees are valued not only for their environmental and economic benefits, trees are also appreciated for intangible qualities which include personal, cultural, and social symbolic associations.

Trees are a sign of a healthy and committed community. Street-tree planting efforts and care of street trees signal a long term vision for a community and are often motivated by a desire to improve one's neighborhood resulting in cleaner streets, reduced vandalism, and a new neighborliness. In addition, research has demonstrated that street trees increase property values up to twenty percent.



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