

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OPERATIONS



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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The City of Saint Paul, pursuant to Chapter 175 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, is conducting a program for the control of Dutch elm disease, oak wilt, and dangerous trees that threaten the urban forest, and/or the safety of citizens and property. As part of this program, the City Forester or members of the Forestry staff are authorized to enter and inspect private property. It is necessary to locate and eliminate dangerous trees and all sources of Dutch elm disease and Oak wilt, including stumps or woodpiles that contain elm wood or diseased red oak with the bark attached. The City has the authority on both public and private property, to order the removal, disposal or management of diseased trees, dangerous trees, and any materials that contribute to the spread of disease within the City of Saint Paul; and upon failure by the property owner to comply, order the abatement of such nuisance.

Listed below is the location/address where the nuisance exists, the size and the location of the tree(s), stump(s), log(s), or brush which need prompt attention by the property owner. The checked box(s) refer to the specific type of nuisance needing your attention. City inspectors mark trees with a red ring around the trunk and a number that signifies the tree(s) diameter.

IT IS IMPORTANT to note that failure to address the nuisance within the time period specified below will result in the City of Saint Paul issuing an abatement order to perform the work described, with all associated abatement costs billed to the property owner of record. **(Chapter 45, Sec. 45.08)**

Location: 0 Marion St - 7 trees of different dbh located in various places on the private property; 4", two 6", 36", two-stemmed 3-3", three-stemmed 2-2-2", and seven-stemmed 3-2-1-3-2-3-4"

- Marked **Dutch Elm diseased** or dead elm trees (with tight bark) must be removed and all stumps, wood and brush with tight bark must be recycled, chipped, burned, buried or the bark removed from all exposed wood, **WITHIN ONE (1) MONTH** upon receipt of this notification.
- Marked **Oak Wilt diseased** trees must be removed and all stumps, wood and brush with tight bark, must be chipped, burned, buried or the bark removed from all exposed wood, **WITHIN ONE (1) MONTH** upon receipt of this notification.
- Elm logs, stumps or piles of cut elm wood** or brush must be stripped of all bark or destroyed **WITHIN ONE (1) MONTH** upon receipt of this notification, because they serve as a breeding place for elm bark beetles that transmit the Dutch elm disease fungus which contributes to the spread of the disease.

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- Red oak logs, stumps or piles of cut red oak wood from oak wilt infected trees** must be stripped of all bark or destroyed ***WITHIN ONE (1) MONTH*** upon receipt of this notification, because they contain the fungi that will contribute to spreading of Oak Wilt.
- Dangerous Trees** must be: ___cut down, ___trimmed, ___bolted and cabled or ___removed ***WITHIN 10 DAYS*** upon receipt of this notification, in order to comply with the City Ordinance and the protection of all people and property in Saint Paul

Tree work can be dangerous, especially so around power lines. If you are unable to do the work yourself, it is highly recommended that property owners make arrangement with a licensed, bonded and insured private tree vendor (**Reputable companies will be happy to show you their licenses and proof of insurance so that you can verify their status.**) It is also recommended that you contact a minimum of three companies for estimates on the tree work to ensure it is done at the lowest competitive cost you are comfortable with. Also make certain they include in their estimates, the debarking of the tree stumps and any work you want done. **Do not pay for any work until the job is completed!**

If you are unable to do the work yourself, nor hire a private contractor, and the city abates the nuisance, all costs shall be calculated and collected as a special assessment against the property in a single installment, or by up to ten (10) equal annual installments as the city council may provide. (**Chapter 45, Sec. 45.11.1.**)

If you are not the correct property owner, have previously sold the property, or have any other questions, please call the Forestry Office – weekdays from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. @ 651-632-5129 or leave a message after normal working hours.

If you are a new owner of the property, you may still be responsible for any nuisance abatement charges incurred under the previous owner if the assessments weren't ratified by the City Council prior to you taking ownership.

If you believe the trees are not on your property or the property line, please locate your survey markers so that Forestry can identify the correct property owners. Fences are not always a good indicator of the property line.

Sincerely,



Cy Kosel
Natural Resources Manager

**When you receive a disease elm tree letter with "PL" (property line) it means the diseased elm tree is on the property line with the property next to you. Each property owner is responsible for one half the cost of removing the diseased elm tree(s).