



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Mayor Christopher B. Coleman



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**Date: June 15, 2017**  
**District: 1    Ward: 7**  
**PIN: 342922210058**

**Tree Address: 1531 MARGARET ST**  
**Compliance Date: June 29, 2017**

The City of Saint Paul, pursuant to Chapters 45, 175, 175A, and 177 of the City legislative code, conducts annual city-wide surveys for the control of Dutch elm disease (DED), oak wilt (OW), and emerald ash borer (EAB), that threatens the urban forest, and hazardous tree(s) that threaten neighboring people or property. The following tree(s), and/or woodpile(s) located within your property or along a property line is either diseased and/or dangerous, and requires immediate action to remedy the situation:

DBH* (inches)	Tree Type	Diseased or Hazardous	Location
47"	Silver maple	Dangerous	Please remove the tree located in the front yard. Potential targets include: pedestrians using the public right of way, the house and residents at 1529 Margaret St.

\*Diameter at breast height (DBH) and the tree identifier with the number painted in red on tree

**If you believe this letter was sent to you in error and the tree(s) is not on your property or on a shared property line, contact Forestry as soon as possible. Please also be prepared to locate your survey markers to assist Forestry in identifying the correct property owners. Note: Fences are not always a good indicator of the property line. In the event of a property line dispute, an official survey will need to be done at the expense of the property owner.**

**Nuisance Abatement Requirements**

**Dangerous Tree(s):**

1. A tree(s) has been identified as hazardous to public and/or private property, requiring immediate removal of the entire tree or a portion thereof.
  2. According to Saint Paul Legislative Code: Title XVII. Chapter 177, the addressee has ten business days to complete the work.
- For questions regarding this section, please call 651-632-5129 during normal business hours of Monday - Friday 7:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.

**Failure to address the nuisance by the deadline specified will result in the City of Saint Paul issuing an abatement order to perform the work with all associated costs collected as a special assessment against the property.** The property owner has the option of promptly paying the assessment in full or allowing it to be assessed on the next year's property taxes with accrued interest. In cases of hardship, the owner may attend a legislative hearing to request the assessment be modified over several years. Please note; this is contingent upon the approval of the Legislative Hearing Officer. If you are the new owner of the property, you may still be responsible for any nuisance abatement charges incurred under the previous owner, if the assessments were not ratified by the City Council prior to you taking ownership.

Again, please accept our apologies and notify the Forestry office if you were sent this notice in error.

Sincerely,



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Natural Resources Manager

### **Hiring a Tree Contractor**

Tree work is dangerous, especially around power lines. We recommend making arrangements with a local tree service if you have no prior experience in tree work. Follow these tips for hiring a tree contractor:

- The City of Saint Paul requires all hired tree work be from a licensed, bonded and insured company, that employs one Certified Arborist, from the International Society of Arboriculture, and all work comply with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard A300. (Saint Paul Legislative Code, Title XXIX, Chapter 362).
- A current list of licensed tree contractors in Saint Paul can be obtained from the Department of Safety and Inspection at (651)266-8989.
- Request bids from at least three companies make certain they include the debarking or complete removal of the tree stump(s), and any additional work you may want done in their estimates. Do not pay for any work until the job is complete!

### **The Benefit of Tree Planting**

- Trees are amongst the largest living organisms on the planet that provide multiple benefits to humans, animals and the surrounding ecosystem
- Trees provide beauty, shade and calmness to our community
- Trees improve air quality by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and emitting oxygen
- Tree leaves intercept windblown dust particles, improving visibility and air quality
- Trees provide shade, lowering air temperatures in the surrounding environment
- Trees provide wildlife habitat, resting places and protection from predators
- Trees provide food for both humans and animals

Please visit the Forestry website for more information on the benefits of trees, tree care and planting.

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