



Notice of Code Violation

STEVEN FIEBIGER	Date: 5/29/2026
720 COTTAGE AVE E	District: Ward 5
SAINT PAUL, MN 55106	PIN: 202922410060

Tree Address: 720 COTTAGE AVE E, SAINT PAUL, MN 55106
Compliance Date: 10/17/2025

The City of Saint Paul, pursuant to Chapters 45 and 175 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 dangerous tree(s) that threaten neighboring people or property. **The following tree or trees located within your property or along a property line are either diseased and/or dangerous, and require immediate action to remedy the situation:**

DBH* (inches)	Tree Species	Hazard Description	Location
36	GREEN ASH	Dead Tree	BACK YARD

* Diameter at breast height (DBH) and a ring encircling the trunk are painted in red on the tree.

If you believe this letter was sent to you in error and the tree or trees are 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 would need to be done at the expense of the property owner.*

Nuisance Abatement Requirements:

1. According to Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 175, all work must be complete within 20 business days.
2. All wood, brush, and debris must be recycled or chipped to an appropriate size of one-inch pieces.
3. Residents may dispose of all materials at any Ramsey County Yard Waste Sites.
4. Ash trees that are removed must also have stumps debarked including the outer half inch of wood to ground level, to eliminate all EAB larvae in the stump.
5. Insecticidal treatment on ash trees to kill EAB in the tree is an option, but only on viable trees. A signed work proposal between the addressee and a licensed tree company must be submitted to Saint Paul Forestry prior to the compliance date. The addressee must also submit a treatment record to Saint Paul Forestry at the completion of the work for proof of treatment.

For questions regarding this section, please call Forestry Customer Service at 651-266-6400 during normal business hours of Monday - Friday 7:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Failure to address the nuisance by the compliance date listed above 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



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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 spread out 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,

Rachel Jongeward
Urban Forester Supervisor

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 ISA Certified Arborist, 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 Inspections 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!**