



## STREET TREE PLANTING PERMIT

The City encourages the planting of shade trees on the parking strip. A street tree planting permit is required before a new tree can be planted in the parking strip (area between the curb and sidewalk). Trees that are permitted on the parking strip are selected based on the ability of the tree to grow in our climate and its ability to co-exist with required clearances over streets and sidewalks. The City has adopted rules in order to ensure that the trees that are planted will provide shade and increase property value with a minimum of problems for the tree, the property owner, and the City.

### **Permitting Process:**

1. Begin by completing the front side of the Street Tree Application form.
  - This self-evaluation questionnaire will help determine if you qualify to apply for a permit.
2. If you answer "**Yes**" to **ALL REQUIRED** questions then you qualify to apply for a street tree permit.
3. Complete the back of the application form and sign.
4. Property owner must contact One Call 811 to have underground utilities located before a permit application can be reviewed.
5. Submit your completed application to:  
**Street Tree Planting Program, Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 7402, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-7402**  
**or Drop-off to Parks and Recreation, City Center, 231 N Dakota Avenue.**
6. Once your application is received, Forestry will inspect the planting site and determine whether a permit shall be issued
  - A site visit will be made and a location for planting will be marked with a white flag.
7. Submitting a permit application does not guarantee that a permit will be granted, and work shall not proceed until the permit has been signed by an authorized Forestry staff member and returned to the applicant.
8. Work may begin once you have an approved permit issued by Sioux Falls Forestry Division.

Download Tree Permit Application

Refer to the [Street Tree Guide](#) for selecting a tree to grow in your parking strip.

### **Parking Strip Regulations:**

- Only approved trees may be planted in the parking strip.
- No tree shall be planted where the clear space between the curb and the sidewalk is less than 5 feet.
- No tree shall be planted closer than 3 feet from the curb.
- Trees must be 1 inch in diameter or larger measured 6 inches above the ground.
- Trees shall not be planted under power lines unless approved by the director.
- Trees shall be planted at least 40 feet apart except where otherwise permitted by the director.
- Trees shall be placed at least 10 feet from a fire hydrant.
- Trees shall be placed at least 10 feet from a driveway.
- Trees shall be placed at least 15 feet from a streetlight.
- Trees on a corner lot shall be planted at least 30 feet back from the corner.
- Trees shall be placed at least 20 feet back from stop/yield sign or traffic signal.