

# Tree Nuturing in **Beautiful** Beaverton, OR

Tree care tips for Beaverton, OR property owners.

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The City of Beaverton is making a concerted effort to improve the sustainability and environmental aspects of the city, including water quality, air quality, and overall livability. By filtering storm waters, cleaning the air, and providing a beautiful landscape, trees make up a major component of those efforts.

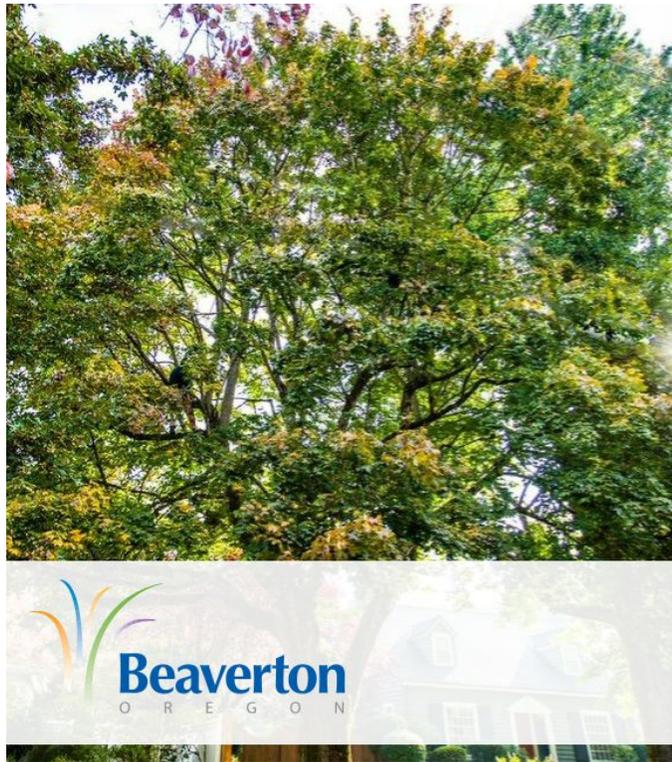
As evidence of their dedication to maintaining a healthy canopy, Beaverton has a dedicated Urban Forestry Department designed to keep 10's of thousands of trees healthy and thriving. The department not only cares for the trees but also works on conservation and preservation of the city's green spaces.

The Development Tree Program keeps an eye towards the future, increasing the inventory of trees in Beaverton by continually planting new trees. Partnering with volunteers, spearheading community-based programs, and offering educational materials, Beaverton is solidifying itself as a city that believes trees and other green spaces are vital to the health of their city.

## Beaverton Tree Maintenance

The Beaverton takes care of more than 20,000 trees annually, keeping the city's canopy in excellent health. City of Beaverton tree trimming and pruning are just a few of the ways the city keeps a high percentage of trees in good to excellent condition throughout the year.

However, the city can't send arborists into your yard to help maintain your trees. In parking strips next to your home or business, you are responsible for keeping the tree in good health. This includes proper pruning, refraining from "topping" your trees, and keeping young trees well watered during the dry months.



Unsure of proper pruning techniques? Visit the Urban Forest Professionals [pruning page](#) for more information. For the most part, you can take care of branches up to 4 inches. Anything larger than that may need professional assistance, due to the size, weight, and location of the branch.

While we want your trees to remain healthy, we want to make sure you're pruning in a safe manner. In some cases, you may need a Beaverton permit to prune your tree. For more information on pruning requirements or other questions, contact the City of Beaverton Planning Division at (503) 526-2420.

## Leaf Disposal

In the fall, we're all treated to a beautiful tapestry of colors as the leaves begin to change color. At some point, of course, those trees will fall off and cause a mess in your yard, sidewalks, and the street. Leaves left on the ground can cause slippery conditions and clog stormwater drains.

Homeowners and business owners are responsible for trees in the right-of-way next to their property, so make sure to pick up those leaves in a timely fashion. The city will send out crews to pick up leaves on Beaverton roads, but please refrain from blowing the leaves from your yard into the street.



Feel free to put those leaves in your yard debris and composting bins or 30-gallon paper debris bags. Want to get rid of those leaves immediately? Beaverton has several leaf disposal locations to dump all of your brightly colored leaves.

The leaves can be bagged - paper bags are recommended although they will also accept plastic bags - or unbagged and dropped off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on certain weekend days during the fall. For more information on these locations, which usually begin accepting leaves at the end of October through the end of November, [click here](#).

## Tree Removal

In some cases, either due to age, failing health, or accident, you may want to remove street trees from in front of your home. In order to do this, the health of the tree needs to be investigated by a City of Beaverton arborist to make sure this is an appropriate solution. Call the city arborist at (503) 526-2206 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Once you've received approval from the city to remove the tree, you will need to secure a [Beaverton tree removal permit](#) for the tree. The fee is \$100 to submit the application. Urban Forest Professionals will work with you and the city to secure this permit.

Removing a street tree without a permit could result in heavy fines, much more than the cost of the permit or the cost of tree removal in Beaverton.

## Tree Replacement

In some cases, you may be required to replace the tree you're removing. This will be decided before the tree removal permit will be issued. For more information on tree replacement - and if you're required to provide a replacement, call the city landscaper at (503) 526-2237 for an inspection.

The city offers a detailed list of approved trees for every Beaverton Oregon city code. From 3-foot areas with no overhead utilities to PGE approved trees under power lines, you have quite the variety to choose from. Check out their [list here](#) and consider this buying a gift for your home's curb appeal.

When buying a replacement tree, the Beaverton tree permit application requires it to be healthy, of nursery stock, free of insect infestation or disease, and at least eight feet tall. Beyond those requirements, you'll also want to make sure the tree will fit in with the rest of your landscaping or in a good location to ensure a healthy tree.

Urban Forest Professionals offer Beaverton tree removal services and can help you decide the best tree for your location. Will it spend most of the time in the shade or will it get several hours of sunlight a day? Will the roots affect the curb or sidewalk? How wide will it get?

We can answer all of those questions and more as well as [provide planting for the tree you choose](#). Urban Forest Professionals provides guidelines on how to care for your tree during those first few months, the first year, and after two years of growth.



## Other Residential Trees in Beaverton

Many of the requirements placed on trees in Beaverton only address street trees or trees in public right of ways. When it comes to in front of your house or in the back yard, you are pretty much free to do what you like. But it still makes sense to do a little research before buying the first pretty tree you see.

Consider one of the trees on the approved Beaverton [street tree list](#) because they've already been vetted for this area of the state. Are you limited to this list? Not necessarily, but venturing beyond the list could leave you disappointed in the coming years.

Before purchasing any tree, make sure they appear in good health. Are there obvious signs of disease or insect infestation? Ask if the nursery has a certified arborist on staff to help you determine the health of a tree. If they don't, consider finding one that does.

Once the tree is in place, many of the designs Beaverton requires when planting a street tree should carry over to other locations on your home or business. For example, just because the tree isn't in the right of way doesn't mean you should improperly prune or top your tree.

If you're in the market for a new tree for your home or business, [call Urban Forest Professionals](#). Not only will we recommend trees perfect for your location and landscaping design, but we also guarantee all of our trees for three years. We can do this because our trees are chosen by our ISA-certified arborists.

## Keeping Your Beaverton Trees Healthy

From the Flowering Ash to the Village Green Zelkova, Beaverton is awash in a wide variety of trees. Big leafy trees that provide shade in the summer and produce an array of colors in the fall and firs that provide a little bit of green in the winter provide a background for everything Beaverton has to offer.

Unfortunately, there are some common issues that threaten trees native to Beaverton trees. Different types of trees are more susceptible to insects while others can be attacked by disease and rot. Being able to spot these problems early will help keep your trees enjoyable for years to come.

Some diseases, such as anthracnose, Dutch Elm disease, or Hawthorne leaf blight manifest themselves as fungal growths on the tree, causing leaves to turn color and fall off well before their time. If this happens year after year, it will hamper tree growth and could result in the death of the tree.

Trimming dead twigs and branches and removing them (along with the affected leaves) from the area quickly are good ways to prevent the spread of the disease. The proper amount of water and fertilizer will help the tree fight off the fungus.

Some disease is highly commutable. According to Oregon State cutting laws, some trees can't be used for firewood at this time, including elms. They must be chipped and buried to help prevent the spread of Dutch elm disease.

Insects also cause their fair amount of damage, too. Borers, tent worms, and Elm leaf beetles to name a few. While tent worms and beetles attack the foliage of the tree and can take years to weaken a tree, borers actively attack the trunks of the trees and can be hidden from sight until it's too late.



These bugs bore into the trunk of the tree and spend most of their time eating on the tissue under the bark that helps deliver water and nutrients throughout the tree.

Before mature Elm beetles leave, they leave the larva behind to continue the trend. When the tree dies, they move on to the next tree.

Whether the issues are caused by disease or bugs, it's important to contact an ISA-certified arborist for ideas to help the tree. Pruning, trimming, or [some kind of pest control](#) are a few ways to combat these issues. If the tree is too far gone, Urban Forest Professionals offers removal of trees on private property as well.

## Overall Tree Care

There are steps you can take to help protect your trees. The first thing you can do is make a visual inspection of the tree. Do you notice anything peculiar, such as tiny holes in the trunk or dead branches on one side of the tree? These are indications that something has invaded the tree and making it weaker.

Although there's not a whole lot we can do about insects on the whole or drought conditions, working towards the overall health of the tree can help combat some of these issues. The appropriate amount of water, spotting infestations early, and smart pruning will keep your tree strong enough to repel many issues.

These inspections aren't just limited to the sunny months, either. Even in the dead of winter while the tree is dormant, you still need to be aware of the health of your tree. Big trees carry a lot of weight when the snow falls and accumulates on branches. While you can't stop the snow from falling, keeping an eye on potential problem branches is key.

Losing a large limb may not harm the tree immediately, but could point to other problems. If you're worried about a particular branch, contact a professional arborist to inspect the situation. They will make recommendations about actions to take to help protect the tree as well as any fencing, patio furniture, and decking that could be in harm's way.

## Beaverton Arbor Day Festivities

The City of Beaverton takes their trees very seriously. Well, not too seriously. Actually, they really enjoy taking care of their trees and understand how important they are to the overall livability of the city. Maybe that's why they've been designated as a Tree City USA for the past 25 years!

Established by the Arbor Day Foundation in 1976, earning the Tree City USA moniker depends on four standards: establishing a tree board or department, an established tree-care policy, an urban forestry program with a budget of no less than \$2 per capita, and an annual Arbor Day observation and ceremony.



For the past quarter-century, Beaverton has been a check, check, check, and check. Past Arbor Day activities included planting 40 shade trees and restoring a 650-foot area with trees, shrubs, and other plants. Every year, the city has no problem getting up to 50 volunteers to help with the process.

A highlight of the annual celebration was the establishment of the Wonderland Arboretum. Located at SW Alice Ln. and SW Allen Blvd, space was designated as

a rough-mow area within the city. Other than that, it was just a grassy area that people walked by with not much going on.

In 2013, that all changed. The Landscape and Forestry department, with help from several volunteers, started early in the morning, planning and installing a gravel path, retaining wall, and paver patio. From there, Friends of Trees delivered 40 trees and 50 native plants to be planted.

When completed, the Arbor Day Foundation presented Beaverton with the Tree City USA award once again. Each tree, shrub, and flower is named in the Wonderland Arboretum, providing a pleasant stopping area for folks out on a stroll. [Take a look at the presentation here](#) - you'll see that while they are serious about trees, they don't mind have a little bit of fun, too.

## Other volunteer Opportunities in Beaverton

There are several times during the prime planting seasons to help out with trees in the Beaverton area. As a partner with [Friends of Trees](#), the city coordinates multiple locations and dates to help with replanting, restoration, and other urban forestry volunteer opportunities.

In 2018-19 alone, there were six events around Beaverton for people to get their hands dirty. The Upper Fanno Creek Wetland area, Barrows Meadow, and the Churchill HOA were included on the list. However, volunteer opportunities are always sprouting up. [Contact Friends of Trees](#) to stay on top of chances to help plant a tree, restore an area, or any number of other activities.



The Pacific Northwest is known as an outdoor paradise, bordering the Pacific Ocean, bisected by the coastal range, and covered in trees. Beaverton is doing its part to keep their environment as green as possible through conservation and preservation actions.

By funding departments that concentrate on the massive city canopy, Beaverton looks to hold on to their Tree City USA moniker for another 25 years. For more information on the permitting process for planting or removing trees, forestry departments, or planting events happening in the city, [visit their website](#).

Urban Forest Professionals applauds Beaverton for their efforts. For more than 15 years, we've been performing tree services in Beaverton OR. With ISA-certified arborists, we are more than qualified to help you with any aspect of your trees. When it comes to [pruning](#), [tree removal](#), [stump grinding](#), or just helping you [decide on the perfect tree](#) for your back yard, [we're here to help](#).