

[Title 19 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION](#)

[Chapter 19.08 TREE PRESERVATION*](#)

19.08.120 Tree maintenance.

A. The maintenance of trees standing upon private or homeowner-owned property shall be the responsibility of the owner or owners of those properties.

B. Builders shall be required to prune, treat, and maintain existing trees and plant new ones in such a fashion that when the trees become city, association, or private property the trees will be free of various damage, pests diseases, and dead branches. The trees shall be in good biological and aesthetic condition upon acceptance.

C. To insure adequate and uniform maintenance, eucalyptus windrows should be maintained in a manner that preserves the aesthetics and history of the eucalyptus windrows, as described in subsection D of this section.

D. Pruning prior to transfer of mature eucalyptus windrows to the city, associations or private owners must be done by builders as follows:

1. Leaves, debris, dead branches and suckers accumulated along the base of the windrow shall be removed periodically, or as may be necessary for reasons of public health and safety;
2. Dead or decaying branches shall be removed, trunks stripped, and tree structure trimmed at least every four years or as may be necessary for reasons of public health and safety as well as aesthetics;
3. Trees should be trimmed to preserve their natural structure;
4. Remove unsightly or poorly crotched limbs and heavily leaning branches;
5. All cuts are to be made flush and/or in line with proper arboricultural practices;
6. Dead, diseased, or dying trees shall be removed as may be necessary, and shall be replaced with fifteen- gallon Eucalyptus maculata.

E. Young eucalyptus windrow trees shall be maintained, fertilized, and irrigated as may be necessary to sustain them in health condition. Dead trees shall be replaced with same species of appropriate size; replacement trees need not exceed fifteen-gallon size. (Ord. 276 § 2 (part), 1986)