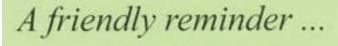
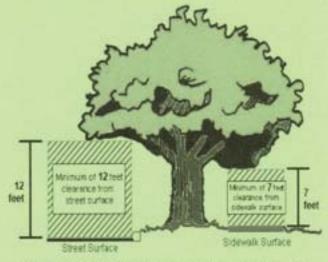
Did you get one of these?



Street trees are an important part of Lexington's neighborhoods. In addition to adding beauty, they also increase property values and reduce energy costs.

Property owners are required to prune their street trees to maintain a 7-foot clearance above a sidewalk and a 12-foot clearance above a street.



We want to let you know that your street trees do not currently meet those standards.

Maintaining safe tree clearance is important since pedestrians use the sidewalks and trucks and emergency vehicles need to be able to travel your street to provide you with vital services

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If you recently received a lime green door hanger (as shown) on your front door, that means a staff member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has visited your property and determined that your street tree needs to be pruned.

Street trees should be pruned so that they are at least 7 feet above the sidewalk and 12 feet above the roadway.

You will notice that there is an inspection date printed on the door hanger detailing the date of the original inspection. Property owners have 30 calendar days to prune their street tree(s) before a re-inspection will be done by the city.

Property owners who do not comply can be issued a Notice of Violation followed by a possible civil citation and fine. If a street tree is judged to be an imminent danger to public safety, the city may use a private contractor to correct this situation. The city will seek reimbursement of these costs from the property owner and also has authority to place a lien on the property for non-payment.

Typically, every house in a neighborhood with street trees that require pruning will receive a door hanger.

The responsibility for a street tree that is located on a property line is shared by the two neighbors in question. These neighbors may elect to split the cost for tree care in some manner or they may decide that just one of them will take responsibility for the tree. This is entirely their choice; the city will not intervene in this decision. However, if such a street tree is not pruned by the re-inspection date, both property owners will receive a Notice of Violation.

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If you would like to learn more about the city's Urban Forestry Program please call LexCall at 3-1-1 or (859) 425-2255.

