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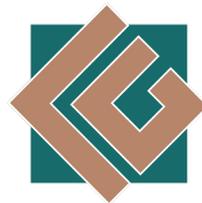


The City encourages property owners to trim away trees and shrubs surrounding their property to maintain proper clearance and height.

The City operates on a six week collection schedule (divided into six collection zones) to pick up uncontained trash in alleys and from residents requesting curbside pick up. Tree Trimmings can be placed in with regular trash as long as branches are not sticking out of the container.

### Contact

To schedule a pick up for tree trimmings you may call the Public Works Department at (520) 421-8625 or visit the city website at [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov)



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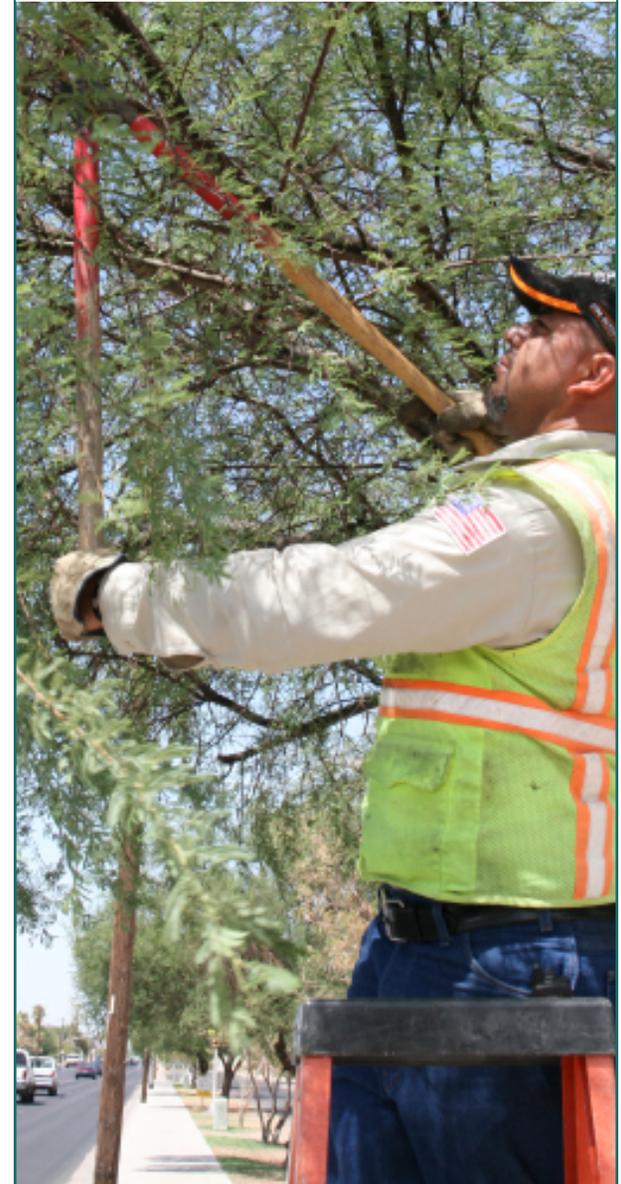
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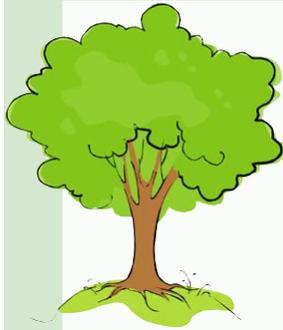
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# Tree Trimming Resident Guide



**A Resource Guide for Tree Trimming  
Casa Grande, Arizona**



Trees are powerful assets to the city of Casa Grande and can benefit everyone in many ways:

- Better air quality
- Increased property value
- Lower temperatures
- Better community image
- Overall, a better quality of life

### Street Trees

Street trees are any trees that are in the city easement or right-of-way.

### Safety

Pruning trees on boulevards, street intersections and front yards assures that vision or sight lines of motorists, bikers and pedestrians are not compromised. The need for safety pruning can be reduced if, when planting, you choose the right tree for the space provided.

### Responsibility

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining trees and shrubbery on their property and in the alley right-of-way adjacent to the property.

HOAs are responsible for trees in common areas within the subdivision.

The adjacent property owner is required to keep travel corridors over street and sidewalks free from low-hanging branches and adjacent right-of-way alleys clear of all vegetation that interferes with the movement of solid waste collection trucks through the alley.

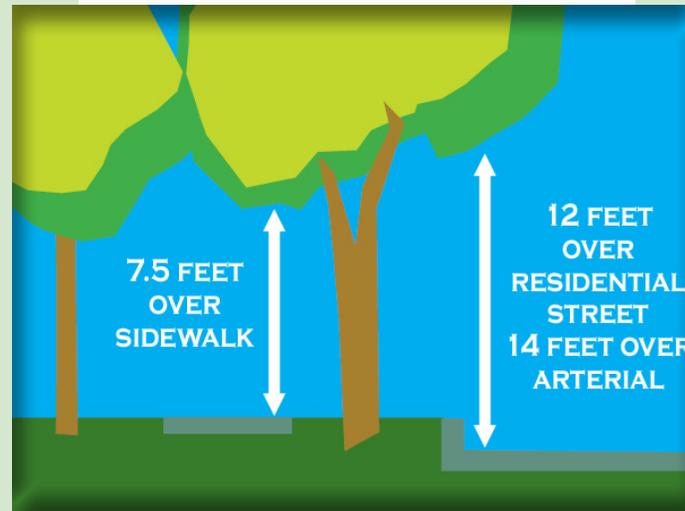
### Clearance Guidelines

Arterial and collector streets require a clearance of 14 feet over the streets. All other local streets require a 12-foot clearance over the street. The adjacent

property owner is also required to maintain a clearance of 7.5 feet over the sidewalk.

The required clearance for alley right-of-ways is 6 feet from the center of the alley, with associated 13-foot height clearance.

Trees maintained to the proper height allows proper street maintenance and allows undisturbed access on sidewalks.



Trees and shrubbery removed or maintained in the alley right-of-ways allows for the safe movement of solid waste collection trucks through the alleys.

### Tree Pruning Tips

*Courtesy of [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)*

#### Prune Early

Prune early in the life of the tree so pruning wounds are small and so growth goes where you want it.

#### Start at the Top

Begin your visual inspection at the top of the tree and work downward.

#### Follow the Leader

Identify the best leader and lateral branches before you begin pruning and remove defective parts before pruning for form.

#### No Paint Needed

Don't worry about protecting pruning cuts. For aesthetics, you may feel better painting larger wounds with a neutral-color tree paint, but the evidence is that it does not prevent or reduce decay.

#### Stay Sharp

Keep your tools sharp. One-hand pruning shears with curved blades (secateurs) work best on young trees.

#### Be Safe

Make safety a number one priority. For high branches use a pole pruner. Some have both a saw and shears on the same tool. A major job on a big tree should be done by a professional arborist.

#### Leave the Collar

When you prune back to the trunk or a larger limb, leave any swollen area at the branch base (the branch collar).

For larger limbs, cut just outside the branch ridge and collar and at a slight down-and-outward angle (so as not to injure the collar). Do not leave a protruding stub.

When simply shortening a small branch, make the cut at a lateral bud or another lateral branch. The cut should be sharp and clean, and made at a slight angle about 1/4 inch beyond the bud.