

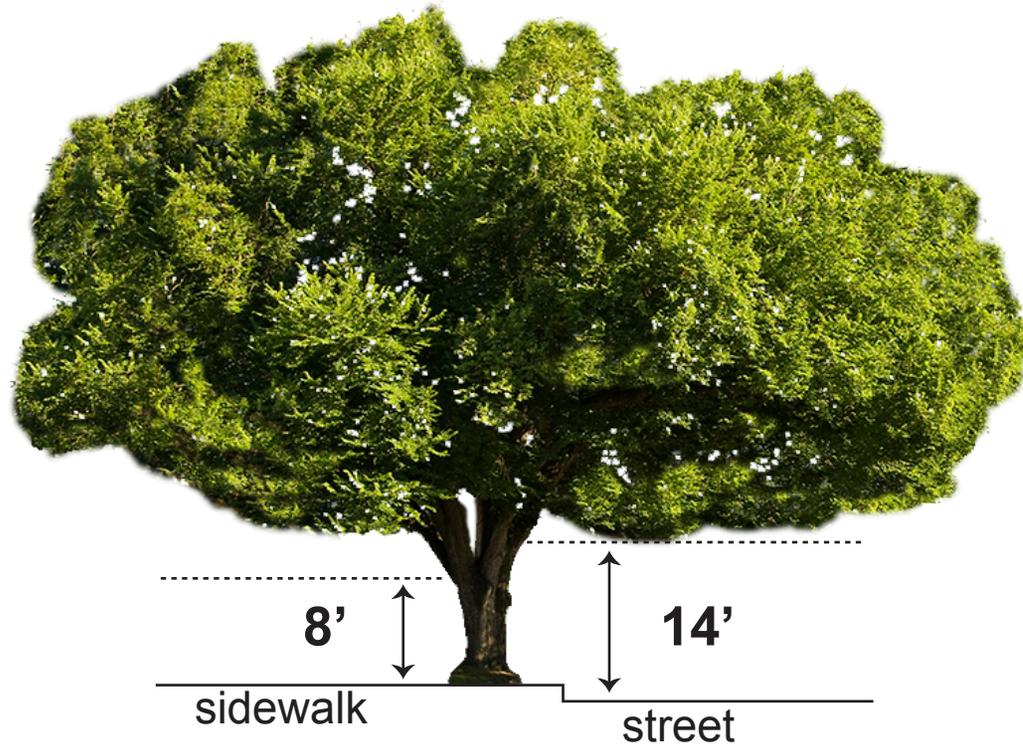
Trees interfering with vehicle visibility shall be maintained to provide 8-feet of clearance above sidewalks and 14-foot clearance above roadways.

Because of safety issues, vegetation that impacts traffic signs must be removed immediately. Whenever possible, property owners will be individually contacted regarding vegetation and given an opportunity to trim these areas personally. However, if in the opinion of the Public Works Director a safety issue is present, City staff will be directed to trim the vegetation immediately.

Call Snohomish County PUD at 360-435-7500 if tree limbs are near power lines or street lighting, they will determine if the tree needs to be pruned.

**For More Information contact:**

**Arlington Public Works  
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360-403-4642**



**Summer is here,  
time to keep sidewalks clear!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Now that we've gotten through the winter snowfall and a wet spring—things are starting to grow. The City would like to solicit the cooperation of property owners to voluntarily remove vegetation along sidewalks. By addressing issues now, you can get a "Jump Start" on weeds before they become a real problem this summer.

Streets and sidewalks are for everyone's use. They add value to private property by providing access to the property and a way to get to other places in the city. The idea is to create a clear zone—a clear path for at least two people to walk side by side along a sidewalk.

What some property owners do not realize is that they are responsible for vegetation control along the sidewalk and in the planting strip, (*or the roadway shoulder*) in front of their property.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

Property owners need to trim or remove overhanging trees, plants, shrubs, vegetation or debris which obstructs streets, alleys or sidewalks. Here are some general guidelines for vegetation control:

- ▶ Vegetation up to 18-inches high shall be trimmed so not to overhang the edge of the sidewalk,
- ▶ Vegetation that is 18-inches up to 8-feet high shall be trimmed back at least 6-inches from the vertical edge of the sidewalk,
- ▶ Any trees or vines overhanging any portion of a sidewalk shall be trimmed to allow for an adequate over head clearance (minimum of 8-feet),

## GENERAL CON'T

- ▶ Vegetation shall be removed from street gutters to prevent drain blockage.
- ▶ At intersections, vegetation or other obstructions shall be kept at a minimum height of 2-feet, 6-inches within the 25-foot site triangles as shown in the diagram below.

