

Winterset Tree Commission Recommended Trees

The following trees have been recommended and approved as tree species suitable for planting in city right-of-way areas

Common Name	Latin Name
American Hophornbeam	Ostrya Virginiana
American Hornbeam	Carpinus Caroliniana
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum
Bitternut Hickory	Cary cordiformis
Burr Oak	Quercus macrocarpa
Chinkapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii
Crabapples (Columnar)	Malus
Freeman Maple	Acer Freemanii
Ginko (Male Only)	Ginkgo Biloba
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis
Kentucky Coffee tree	Gymnocladus dioicus
Little Leaf Linden	Tilia cordata
Norway maple	Acer plantanoides
Red Oak	Quercus Rubrum
Redbud	Cercis
Silver Linden	Tilia tomentosa
Sugar Maple	Acer Saccharum
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor
Thornless Honey Locust	Gleditsia Tricanthos
White Oak	Quercus Alba

Not Recommended or approved for use in right-of-way areas in the City of Winterset

Ash, All varieties
Black Locust
Box Elder
Buckthorn
Cottonwood
Ginko (Female)
Honey Locust
Russian Olive
Silver Maple
Tree of Heaven
Willow, All varieties

Note: Maple trees are not being recommended for street planting at this time in an effort to diversify the current tree canopy in Winterset

Question: "Are there established rules to follow if I want to plant a tree in the parking area? (This would be commonly known as the right-of-way)"

Answer: "A city ordinance dictates the conditions under which a tree may be planted in the city right-of-way areas. The guidelines are listed below."

City Ordinance to follow when planting a tree in the parking area or right-of-way:

Winterset Ordinance No. 611 Chapter 3 Street Trees

STREET TREE PLANTING STANDARDS. The following standards shall govern the planting of street trees:

1. No tree may be planted which would cause a public danger or nuisance.
2. No tree may be planted within three feet of a sidewalk or other impervious surface such as the curb and gutter or the street surface.
3. No tree or shrub that will grow above 30 inches in height shall be planted on a corner lot where two street intersect for a distance of 35 feet in any direction from the point of intersection at the curb line.
4. No tree shall be planted within 15 lateral feet of an overhead utility line, within 3 feet of any buried utility line, within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, within 5 feet of a driveway and 25 feet of a traffic control sign.
5. No tree shall be planted if the tree species is not included on the list of permitted tree species developed by the Winterset Tree Commission.
6. No tree shall be planted without first calling Iowa One Call and complying with the procedures for locating underground utilities.
7. In cases of damage to utility lines, any street tree planted in the right-of-way may be trimmed or removed in order to repair the utility line.

Before digging anywhere, call 811. The desired location for your tree needs to be located for utilities. Follow the guidelines listed above if planting in the city right-of-way. It is the goal of the WTC to plant trees responsibly by reducing conflicts with utilities and providing safe vision at intersections.