CITY OF OREGON

POLICY
CONSTRUCTION NEAR TREES

Listed below are regulations governing construction activities in the vicinity of street trees. These regulations apply to all types of construction activity being performed with or in close proximity to public right-of-ways and easements.

1. For trees measuring 38 inches in circumference (equivalent to 12" diameter) or less, soil excavation work or root cutting shall not occur closer than three (3) feet from the outer bark of the tree. The circumference of the tree here and elsewhere in these requirements shall be taken two (2) feet above ground level. For multi-stemmed trees, the circumference shall be taken at the narrowest point within the first two (2) feet above the ground surface.

2. For trees measuring greater than 38 inches in circumference, soil excavation work or root cutting shall not occur closer than the distance measured by the circumference of the tree, or a maximum distance of six (6) feet, whichever is less.

3. Soil excavation work is permitted closer than the distance parameters established under the above two (2) categories, provided all excavation of soil is accomplished by hand shovel or auger, and no roots greater than two (2) inches in diameter are severed.

4. If there is an inability to perform the requirements established under the aforementioned three situations, a representative from the City of Oregon, Street Department shall be called to the tree site to make an inspection and recommendation pertaining to the need to remove the tree.

   During regular work hours (M-F, 7:00 am – 4:30 pm) contact the Street Department at 419-698-7016. After hours, contact the non-emergency dispatch at 419-255-8443 to get in touch with the Street Department.

Trees that require complete removal to accomplish construction activities required under the project will be performed at the contractor's expense.