

CARING FOR OUR CITY'S

# Boulevard Trees



**A property  
owner's guide**

Trees are planted on new boulevards to help improve air quality and add beauty to a neighbourhood. Young trees need extra care in their first years to become established, with deep roots and a healthy canopy.

The boulevard trees are the responsibility of the adjacent property owners. By taking care of the trees, you are contributing to the beauty and health of your community. Our Parks team has put together some tips on caring for trees to ensure they have the best chance of growing into mature, leafy features.

## Watering

- Water slowly and deeply using a soaker hose or sprinkler for 30 minutes to 2 hours at a time. 75 litres of water per week is recommended.
- Water in the early morning or late in the day when roots have a chance to absorb most of the water.
- Spreading mulch over the roots will help keep in moisture.



## Fertilizing

- Fertilize trees showing pale green and undersized leaves, reduced growth rates, evidence of insect attacks or disease problems.
- Fall is the ideal time to fertilize, after the first frost. Early spring will work too.
- Trees respond best to a 3-1-1 or 4-1-1 ratio of nitrogen-phosphorous-potassium.
- Hold off on fertilizing newly planted trees until their root system is better established.



## Pruning

- The best time to prune dead or damaged limbs is in the dormant season, from end of March until early May.
- To prune, start cutting near the end of the branch and work your way towards the trunk. Once the weight of the branch is removed, make a precise cut to remove the stub against the stem collar.
- Prune as little as possible.
- Suckers are new growth that appears at the bottom of the trunk. To improve the overall health of your tree they should be removed as quickly as possible.



## Diseases

Black Knot is a common disease found in Schubert Chokecherry trees. This fungus looks like black tar and will eventually result in the death of the tree. Remove any infected branches at least 15-20 cm below the knot during late fall or early spring.





# We appreciate your help with caring for your boulevard trees.

Get in touch with our Parks team to talk trees!  
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