

CITY OF FENNIMORE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The City of Fennimore will again be purchasing trees to be planted in the tree terrace in residential areas. **Through this City cost-shared tree planting program, trees must be planted in the tree terrace, not on private property.** The Director of Public Works, however, does have authority to not allow property owners to plant trees on private property due to interference with electric power lines or a narrow terrace. Advance authorization is required.

The trees will be hardwood trees with about a 1-1/4" to 2" trunk diameter and from 5-10 feet tall. The City will order the trees for spring delivery at a wholesale price. The property owner will be required to pay one-half of the cost, approximately \$20 to \$30 per tree. Help will be available to determine placement of these trees, if necessary. Please allow sufficient space between trees to allow for mature growth, about 40 feet for most trees.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM SHOULD SIGN UP AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY APRIL 1ST. Trees will be sold on a first-come basis. Completion of a tree planting permit will be required at the time of sign-up.

Residents are reminded that the following trees are NOT allowed in street right-of-way: black locust, box elder, catalpa, elms (except regal elms and other disease-resistant elm trees approved by the City), poplar, silver maple, willow, fruit trees, nut bearing trees, basswood, cottonwood and evergreen. If you have planted any of these types of trees in the street right-of-way, you should move them before they become too large to transplant.

Also, Residents are reminded that the City's Zoning Ordinance prohibits the planting of trees on corner lots in a protected 15 foot area of the property (see diagram). This is done to provide a clear site distance for vehicles approaching the intersection. Residents are reminded, that particularly in the case of evergreens and shrubs, their anticipated growth should be considered when planting. They create problems as they grow when they extend into the protected 15 foot area at street intersections. Plant evergreens and shrubs well behind the 15 foot protected area. The site area being protected is between 2-1/2 feet and 10 feet in height. Any landscaping in the 15 foot protected area should not exceed 2-1/2 feet in height.

