

**CITY OF WOODLAND
COUNCIL POLICIES**

CHAPTER 4 – NATURAL RESOURCES

**POLICY 4-2 – ROADSIDE MOWING AND ROUTINE/EMERGENCY TREE AND BRUSH
REMOVAL**

ROADSIDE MOWING

Roadside Mowing shall be performed by a Contractor designated by the City of Woodland and completed during the growing season as determined by the City. Roadside mowing may include mowing of all City rights-of-way.

ROUTINE TREE REMOVAL AND BRUSH TRIMMING

Trees are removed for a number of reasons including death of the tree, structural defect, declining health, etc.

- Requests to remove a tree from the public right of way should be made to the City of Woodland. Requests are reviewed by Woodland’s designated tree contractor and/or the Council Member assigned to public works, to determine if the tree should be removed and the priority it should receive.
- In some cases, trees that require removal have power lines in close proximity to parts of the tree. In this case, the removal of the tree must be coordinated with the appropriate utility, which can add to the length of time required to effect the removal of the tree.

Tree removal, trimming and brush cutting in the City right-of-way shall be performed by a Contractor designated by the City of Woodland.

Trees and brush may be cut out of the public road right of way and designated fire lanes. This practice shall include the cutting of trees/brush and trimming of limbs. Trees of all sizes may be cut with larger stumps ground flush with the ground.

Trees and brush located within the right-of-way or that have the potential to impact City streets and potentially hazardous trees or trees that pose a sight vision problem or interfere with snow plowing operations, shall be removed by the City at the discretion of the City. To provide increased sight vision and safe snow plowing, trees and brush may also be cut beyond the right-of-way if deemed necessary by the City, with the permission of the landowner.

In the case of residential frontage along the City right-of-way that is maintained up to the roadside by the adjacent property owners, the property owner will be given written notice, as a courtesy, of significant tree removal by the City.

Trees are also trimmed by the various utility companies, or their subcontractors to minimize problems caused by branches rubbing on energized lines.

The City does not regulate the cutting and trimming in and around power lines by utility companies. Residents concerned with this maintenance should be directed to the utility company.

EMERGENCY TREE REMOVAL

A fallen tree or branch removed in the City right-of-way shall be:

- 1) That portion of a fallen tree or branch in the city right-of-way shall be removed from the right-of-way as soon as possible by the city.
- 2) To facilitate the movement of traffic the fallen tree or branch may be pushed temporarily to the side of the roadway.
- 3) The city will assume responsibility for disposal of the wood resting in its right-of-way.
- 4) Disposal of that portion of a tree resting on private property shall be the responsibility of the home owner.

PROCEDURE TO REPORT A DOWNED TREE OR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS TREE

- 1) Contact the City of Woodland Clerk's department (952-358-9936) or after hours Police Dispatch (763-258-5321).
- 2) A Police Officer will inspect the tree and surrounding location and place appropriate safety devices around the area until such time the tree can be cleared and the road re-opened. If the police determine that electrical lines are also down or wrapped in the tree/limbs. The Police Officer or City staff will contact Xcel Energy immediately.
- 3) Staff will contact the designated tree contractor to remove the tree:

Shorewood Tree Service – Randy Schwerin Cell Number: 952-292-1734

Per Agreement, must respond to all emergency called within 2 hours of notification 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- 4) At the discretion of the City staff, Deephaven public works staff may be called to push the fallen tree to the side of the road.