

FORESTRY FACTS

Tree Planting and Removal Permits

The City of West Fargo residents are required to obtain and submit a tree planting permit before planting any boulevard trees. Residents are also required to obtain and submit a tree removal permit prior to removing any boulevard tree. The forestry department will inspect the tree to ensure a healthy tree is not being removed. This permit also requires a replacement tree be planted in its place. Visit the forestry website for more info at westfargond.gov/forestry.

Urban Forestry Committee Meeting 5:15 p.m. June 11, 2019

West Fargo City Hall | 800 4th Ave E, West Fargo



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Tips for Planting Trees

- Dig the proper sized hole for the tree. If the hole is too deep or too shallow, the tree may not survive.
- The tree should be properly secured using guide wires, straps, and stakes or poles.
- Mulching around the base of the tree will keep the roots cooler and can increase a tree's chances of survival.
- Water newly planted trees at least once per week for the first year.
- Watering bags can be used to slowly deliver water to the tree.

Newly Constructed Homes

Newly constructed homes in West Fargo pay a tree deposit when their building permit is taken out. This deposit then gets returned to the resident after they install their boulevard trees. The first step is filling out and submitting a tree planting permit, which can be found on the City's website. After the permit is received, the Forestry Department will stop at the residence and mark the locations for the trees. After the trees are planted, please contact the Forestry Department to start the refund process.

Curbside Brush Pickup

The City of West Fargo has recently added a grapple truck to its fleet for the purpose of curbside brush pickup. Below are the guidelines to ensure all brush gets collected:

- The Curbside Brush Pickup Program runs from May 1 to Oct. 31.
- All brush must be out by 7 a.m. on your garbage day.
- All brush must be in one pile.
- All piles must be at least 10 feet away from any tree, hydrant, streetlight, mailbox, utility box or anything in the boulevard that would impede the grapple from collecting the brush.
- Do not place brush piles on a sprinkler head, water shut off or underground utility.
- It is the resident's responsibility to clean up the site after brush collection.
- Roots and stumps cannot be collected by the grapple truck. Bring these items to the Transfer Station at no cost at 1620 Main Ave W, West Fargo between 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.
- Do not bundle or tie brush and/or branches together.
- Do not put brush in boxes, bags or garbage cans. The brush pile must be directly on the ground.
- The City of West Fargo will not collect any brush generated by a commercial tree service or private company.
- The brush pile must be placed on the resident's front boulevard.
- Excessively large piles may be picked up at the end of the day or the next day depending on availability.



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**City-generated mulch chips
can be picked up for free at
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business hours.**