

Andover Neighborhood



Street Tree Guidelines

City Street Tree Requirements: Maintenance & Replacement

In Lexington, property owners have the financial responsibility for street tree maintenance and replacement once the tree is diseased or dead.

Street Tree Maintenance includes pruning to a height of at least 7 feet above sidewalks and 12 feet above streets. This allows for vehicles to pass under them on the street and pedestrians to get by them on the sidewalk. It is illegal to top trees. (See City Ordinances Section 17B for more details.)

Street Tree Replacement first requires applying for a city permit. The number of street trees is documented in the city plat record for your property. Most Andover homes require 1-2 street trees, with corner lots requiring up to 5. (If you are unsure of the number of street trees on your property plat, please contact All Points Community Management for a copy of the plat record.)

What are the Street Trees Allowed in Andover Neighborhood?

(Important: Tree size must be 2" diameter caliper or larger – per HOA requirements)

Black Gum	(<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)
Carolina Silverbell	(<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>)
Hophornbeam	(<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>)
Trident Maple	(<i>Acer buergerianum</i>)
Yellowwood	(<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>)

- The trees listed above were selected from the 2025 Lexington Street Tree list (canopies of 25' – 50') for tree species suitable for the 5-foot-wide utility strips in our HOA. Certain species were not included from the city list due to having shallow roots that may break sidewalks, being susceptible to Japanese beetle infestations or having low canopies that could be impacted by city trash pickup.
- Homeowners may select any of the trees listed above regardless of your street address.
- Foresters now recommend the importance of diversifying the species of trees planted on our urban streets. This improves the long-term health of our neighborhood tree canopy by reducing the chances of catastrophic tree loss due to a single borer or tree pathogen.

Street Tree Replacement Steps:

Property owners must obtain approval from the city to remove or replace a street tree. To obtain approval, you must apply for a city permit. If the utility strip adjacent to your property does not currently have a street tree, you must still obtain a permit to plant one. Street trees that are removed must be replaced within one year. Call Urban Forestry at (859) 258-3404 if you have questions about removing or replacing your street tree.

Step 1: Complete the City Permit Application & send to LFUCG

- Go to the City website: <https://lexingtonky.gov/street-trees>
- Select “Apply for Permit” – Complete & sign online permit application
- Or call 859-258-3404

Wait for City confirmation of permit approval before proceeding to Step 2.

Step 2: Remove & replace the street tree(s)

- Homeowner hires contractor for tree removal and tree replacement planting. Contractor should follow city planting guidelines as listed on the city website.
- Homeowner calls 811 (Before You Dig) to have utilities marked.
- Homeowner buys tree (species from list above/2” diameter caliper+) and pays for all tree removal and planting services.

City of Lexington – Contractor List*

*This list does not constitute endorsement by Andover Neighborhood. These are contractors previously identified by the City of Lexington that can perform tree removal and planting.

A Professional Tree Service – Daniel Berry	859-271-4056
B & R Tree Care – Bill Wentink or Beth Warner	859-312-8941
Big Beaver Tree Service – Ian Hoffman	859-489-6795
Dave Leonard Tree Specialist – Ross Ratterman	859-252-2529
Lexington Tree Service – Stanley Stinnett	859-233-0742
Town Branch Tree Experts – Jessie or Sara Hesley	859-967-6907
Tree Pro – James Sims	859-294-4457

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Black Gum



Carolina Silverbell



Hophornbeam



Trident Maple



Yellowwood



Sample List of Local Tree Suppliers:

Glen Young's Landscaping & Nursery	859-885-6100
Kings Garden Center	859-272-7077
Landscapers Paradise	859-780-5719
Redmond's Garden Center	859-272-6697
Springhouse Gardens	859-224-1417
Wilson Nurseries	859-269-5795