

Andover Forest HOA

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 Forest homes require at least 2 street trees. (If you are unsure of the number of street trees on your property plat, please contact Allpoints Management for a copy of the plat record.)

What are the Street Trees Allowed in Andover Forest HOA?

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

American Hornbeam	(<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>)
Black Gum	(<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)
Carolina Silverbell	(<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>)
Hophornbeam	(<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>)
Thornless Honey Locust	(<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i>)
Yellowwood	(<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>)

- The trees listed above were selected from the 2022 Lexington Street Tree list (canopies of 25' – 50') for native Kentucky tree species suitable for the 5-foot-wide street medians 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 for AF HOA 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 street median 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 Tim Queary at [\(859\) 258-3404](tel:8592583404) 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 blue tab “Apply for Permit’ - Complete & sign online permit application
- Or call 859-425-2558

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

Step 2: Choose an option for removing & replacing the street tree(s)

Option 1: Homeowner Pays- for removal and replacement trees (s)

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

Option 2: City / Cost-Share Program (if city funding is available)

The city offers a financial incentive program to remove and replace trees in the public right-of-way easement. The property must be owner-occupied. The program provides a 50% reimbursement to eligible property owners for the cost of tree removal, stump grinding, and planting a new tree to replace the one being removed. Participation is strictly voluntary, and funding is limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

For complete details about the Hazard Street Tree Cost-Share Program, go to City Street Tree website and click on the blue link “More information and Application” under the Cost Share section. Questions? Call Tim Queary@ [\(859\) 258-3404](tel:8592583404) or email tqueary@lexingtonky.gov.

City Cost-Share Steps: (see City website for complete details)

Submit Signed Application, 2-Estimates & City Approval Process:

- Homeowner selects from the list of 7 approved city contractors for tree removal and installation.
- Two (2) written city contractor estimates are required to submit with a signed application form.
 - Email to tqueary@lexingtonky.gov or
 - Mail or hand-deliver to:
Urban Forestry Program
200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507
- City will review and will send written approval when the project is authorized to begin.

After City Approves:

- Contractor calls 811 (Before You Dig) to have utilities marked.
- Contractor removes street trees.
- Contractor purchases tree species from AFHOA list (per homeowners' tree selection /size 2" diameter caliper).
- Contractor plants new street tree replacement(s).
- Homeowner pays contractor (and submits the paid invoice receipts to LFUCG for reimbursement).
 - LFUCG will reimburse ½ cost of tree and ½ cost of removal & installation.

City of Lexington - Contractor List for Cost-Share Program

(In alphabetical order)

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
Treepro - James Sims	859-294-4457

Andover Forest HOA - Street Trees

American Hornbeam



Black Gum



Carolina Silverbell



Hophornbeam



Thornless Honey Locust



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