

# HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PARKWAY TREE

## DEEP WATER YOUR TREE

We ask you to take responsibility for watering your tree as needed, especially during the hot summer months.

Fill the tree well with water twice a week and let it slowly soak into the ground, watering the roots of your tree. Deep



watering the roots of your tree will promote downward growth of roots and help prevent broken curbs and sidewalk damage.

## DO NOT CHANGE THE STAKING OF YOUR TREE



Your tree has been properly staked to allow for wind and tree growth. Tight staking does not let the tree grow strong. If a tree needs restaking, please call the City of Alhambra at (626)570-5072. Once a new tree is large enough, the City will remove the stakes while they are pruning.

## PROTECT YOUR TREE

Protect the base of your tree from damage by weedwackers and lawn/gardening equipment.

Inform gardeners and maintenance personnel to keep weed-wackers and maintenance equipment



away from the base of trees. All weeds in your tree well should be pulled by hand to protect the tree. If the base of your tree gets struck by equipment, it uses all its energy to heal itself instead of to grow and bloom.



## TREE PRUNING

The City shall be responsible for all major pruning and any tree surgery that is needed as well as the control and treatment of insects, pests and diseases. The City of Alhambra currently is on a four-year trim schedule. We trim trees by neighborhood. This means each parkway tree will be automatically trimmed every four years. Any private trees or additional flowers or shrubs that residents plant in the parkway will be the sole responsibility of the resident to maintain.

## KEEP WEEDS FROM COMPETING WITH YOUR TREE FOR NUTRIENTS AND WATER

Keep the tree well (a three-foot circle around base of tree) clear of weeds and other plants. You can add mulch or bark around the base of the tree to help keep weeds from growing. Keep grass fertilizer and weed killer at least five to ten feet away from the tree.



In an effort to beautify the **City of Alhambra** and help the environment, a tree has been planted in your parkway, the strip of lawn between the sidewalk and the street. The tree selected was based on tree performance characteristics such as limb and root structure and general resistance to insects and disease. The size of your parkway and location of sidewalks and curbs are also a consideration when choosing an appropriate parkway tree. The planting of your tree was completed by West Coast Arborists, the tree care contractor for the City.



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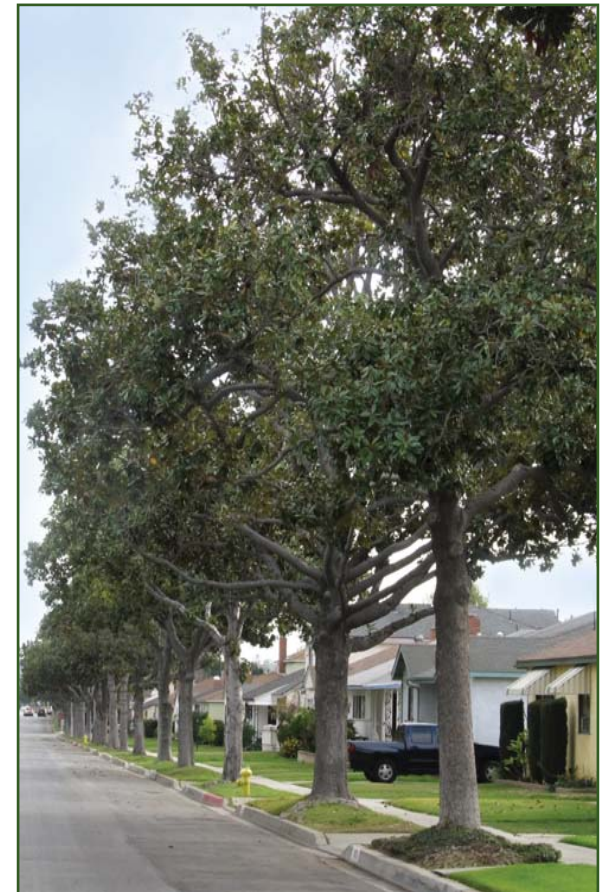


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## **HOW TO CARE FOR AND PROTECT YOUR TREE**