

TREE SPACING GUIDELINES

Tree locations exist among other right-of-way infrastructure. The placement of street trees in relationship to each other and other infrastructure is important for the health and vitality of the tree as well as the additional infrastructure.

The recommended desirable distances between street trees are species specific and range from twenty-five to forty feet. Please refer to the Street Tree Selection Guide. The recommended desirable distance between street trees for subdivision projects (for estimating purposes) is thirty feet.

Street tree distances from other infrastructure are as follows:	FEET
Water Meter / Vaults	6
Catch Basins	6
Gas Meters	8
Driveway Aprons and Crosswalks	8
Transit Shelters	10
Fire Hydrants	10
Street Lights	20
Electrical Power Poles	20
Alley Entrances	20
Intersections (45 feet from point of curb line intersect)	45
Railroad Tracks	100

This information sheet is provided as a public service. Hopefully, it answers the important questions regarding street tree spacing. If you have any further questions, please refer to the Urban Forestry Division Inspector or contact the Division at (213) 847-3077. For the hearing-impaired, the TDD number is (213) 473-6600. This and other information sheets may be obtained at the Urban Forestry Division office at 1149 S. Broadway, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015 or online at <http://www.lacity.org/BOSS/index.htm>.

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