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Urban Forestry Update



Exploring our neighborhoods as we stay closer to home, it is clear that our urban forest is all around us. From the smallest and youngest trees bursting with color, to those giants that no longer leaf out.

Much has changed since the last issue of Tree Bark. Health and safety are at the top of our thoughts all around the world. As we limit our person-to-person contact, good communication is as important now as it has ever been.

In order to make space for critical health communications over the past month, we have kept ourselves out of your email inboxes. But Urban Forestry has been working hard during that time to serve you and the trees we all love.

Here is a quick update on Urban Forestry's services:

- **24/7 tree emergency response** in the right-of-way and on city-owned property continues. Call 503-823-TREE (8733) to report a tree emergency.
- **All tree permit types** are being processed. Apply online or by mail. More information [here](#).
- **Tree planting and maintenance** continues to ensure a future healthy canopy.
- **The Title 11 Amendment Project** continues, now with an extended [timeline](#).

Scheduled events have been postponed. We will continue to follow instructions from health authorities on when activities may begin again. The plan is to offer workshops and trainings remotely, so stay in touch for future online offerings!

Until then, there are lots of ways to keep in contact with the trees around you.

Check out these online tree maps:

- **Street trees** (Identify the trees along your street!)
- **Park trees** (What is the biggest tree in your park?)
- **Heritage trees** (Is there a Heritage Tree near you?)
- **School trees** (Has your local school been mapped?)

Find more information about the [Park and Street Tree Inventories](#) or [Heritage Trees](#) on the web.

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops



Introduction to Pruning

Saturday, 5/2/2020, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Offered Online

Urban Forestry staff will host an online introductory class that focuses on young tree pruning.

We will talk about tree basics, then discuss how they react to wounds. We will also review what tools to use and how to keep them sharp. We have got you covered roots to shoots!

Registration will open at **8:30 am** on the day of the class. Please sign in early to confirm connection. All you need is a web browser and internet connection.

The workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 am with the presentation followed by a question

and answer period.

For questions please contact: clare.carney@portlandoregon.gov

Register [here!](#)



Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

Friday, May 15, 2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Offered Online

Calling all tree care professionals! If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this workshop is for you.

Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry staff

will be online to answer your questions. ISA CEUs may be available.

For the first time, we will be offering this workshop online. After you register, we will send out the links to participate by May 8, 2020.

Register [here](#).

In Other News

Tree Code Survey: Share Your Ideas! The City of Portland is considering two proposals to strengthen tree protections and planting requirements for construction projects on private and public property. Even if you are not familiar with the tree code, your input is important! Share your ideas in a 5-minute survey. This online survey will be open from April 14 to May 15, 2020, but do not wait! Have your voice heard today! Take the survey [here](#).

Elm Pruning Moratorium in Effect April 15 Through October 15: Dutch Elm Disease is a big problem for many of Portland's elm trees. To help protect them, no elm pruning is allowed from April 15 until October 15. To find out more about the moratorium, pruning restrictions, and proper elm wood disposal procedures, click [here](#).

Timber Joey! A Short Video on Staying Safe in Portland Parks: With the weather so nice, it is hard to resist going outside. This video shows the importance of physical distancing even in open areas like parks. Catch Timber Joey, along with Park Ranger Supervisor Vicente Harrison, and Mayor Wheeler, in this public service announcement. Watch it [here](#).

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