

## **Parks, Recreation and Public Property Code Enforcement for Weeds, Litter and Trees**

We currently have four inspectors answering complaints for weed, litter and trees throughout



the city. These inspectors are well versed in the City of Omaha municipal codes Sections 18 and 37 dealing with nuisances concerning weeds

and litter as well as trees. All four inspectors are licensed certified arborists and have years of experience in the forestry field. They will be able to answer any question or concern you have in these areas and can meet you on site to address certain situations. We have office staff available to take your calls Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and an answering service available after regular business hours.

### **Sec. 18-24 Duty to cut and remove weeds, states:**

It shall be the duty of each owner, agent, occupant or person in possession, charge or control of any lot or ground, or any part of any lot in the city, to cut and clear such lot or ground, together with one-half of the streets and alleys abutting thereon, of all weeds, grass and worthless vegetation which have reached a height of 12 inches or more. Such weeds, grass and worthless vegetation shall be cut as close to the ground level as possible and shall be maintained so that at any time the same does not extend 12 inches or more above the ground. The cuttings shall be raked and removed from such premises.

### **Sec. 18-25 Failure to control litter, states:**

It shall be unlawful for a person who owns or who is in control of any property to fail or refuse to keep such property free of litter, to prevent litter from being carried or deposited by the elements beyond such property or to allow litter to remain on such property.

**A link to the entire Municipal Code can be found on the city's website at [www.cityofomaha.org](http://www.cityofomaha.org)**

### **Forestry**

The care and maintenance of Omaha's tree canopy, consisting of more than 4000 lane miles of right-of-way and more than 10,000 acres in 220 city parks, is the responsibility of the City Forester. In order to provide a comprehensive approach to keeping Omaha's trees healthy and properly trimmed to resist disease and weather damage, Parks Maintenance performs necessary pruning and treatment of the trees in Omaha's public areas.

When passers-by see our city crews cutting down trees, they are often alarmed. Effective maintenance and management of our trees in parks, along streets, and near trails is vital to protect this important natural resource.



## Certified Arborist

### What is an arborist?

An arborist is an individual who is trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining individual trees.

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Certified arborists are individuals who have achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience and by passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading experts on tree care. Certified arborists must also continue their education to maintain their certification.

### Why do we need to use an arborist?

Arborists are knowledgeable about the needs of trees and are trained and equipped to provide proper care. Proper tree care is an investment that can lead to substantial returns. Well-cared-for trees are attractive and can add considerable value to your property. Poorly maintained trees can be a significant liability. Pruning or removing trees, especially large trees, can be dangerous work. Tree work should be done only by those trained and equipped to work safely in trees. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of arboriculture in this city without first obtaining an arborist's license as provided in our municipal code.

A list of arborists can be found in the Yellow Pages and in the future on the Parks website under Forestry.



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**Weeds and Litter Complaints  
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**Tree Line Issues  
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