



CITY of CRYSTAL

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LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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The information in this pamphlet is not meant to cover all guidelines and requirements of city code. You should contact the city about required permits and specifications before beginning any project.

VEGETATION (615)

All lot areas not designated for buildings, sidewalks, parking and storage shall be provided with turf grass, native vegetation, or combined ground cover of cultivated vegetation, garden, hedges, trees and shrubbery.

Turf grass and weeds shall not be allowed to grow to a height greater than eight inches on any lot. A native vegetation permit exempts the height restriction. See City Code section 615.07 about obtaining a native vegetation permit. Noxious weeds of any kind shall not be permitted to grow on any portion of a lot.

It is important to remember that leaves, brush and other yard waste are considered waste matter and are treated as such according to disposal and storage regulations. All yard waste must be stored out of public view in an appropriate garbage container, storage building or garage prior to disposal. All streets, sidewalks and boulevards must be kept clear of all yard waste. Contact your garbage hauler for information on the special pick-up of these materials or Hennepin Recycling Group at 763-493-8006 for drop-off sites near you.

COMPOSTING (605.11)

Composting is encouraged in Crystal as an ecological way to recycle organic material. Composting shall only be conducted within a covered or uncovered container, enclosed on all vertical sides, and constructed of (i) wood, (ii) wire mesh, (iii) a combination of wood and wire, (iv) metal barrels with ventilation, or (v) commercially fabricated bins or barrels. Containers shall be durable and shall be constructed and maintained in a structurally sound manner. Maximum size for a compost area on a residential lot shall be 15 cubic yards. A compost container may only be placed in a rear yard and not be placed closer than five feet from a property line or closer than 20 feet to any habitable building not on the subject property.

The following contents are not permitted in a compost: meat, fats, oils, grease, bones, whole eggs, milk or other dairy products, human or pet wastes, pesticides, herbicides, noxious weeds, diseased plant material and any garbage or refuse that may cause a public health risk or create nuisance conditions.

SHADE TREE DISEASE (2020)

To control and prevent the spread of shade tree diseases, such as Dutch Elm and Oak Wilt, the City may inspect any premise for diseased elm trees and bark-intact elm wood. When the City finds diseased or dead trees and there is an imminent danger of further infestation, the property owner will be notified to remove the disease source within an allotted period of time.

VISIBILITY TRIANGLE (810)

The visibility triangle is measured at intersecting streets and each leg is 40 feet long, measured along the street curb from the hypothetical intersection of the extended curb lines of the intersecting streets. The hypotenuse of the triangle shall be the line connecting the outside end of each leg. No structures or planting of trees or shrubs shall be permitted within the visibility triangle (see figure 1 below). If there is an existing tree in this area, branches must be trimmed to a height of 8 feet from the ground and shrubs must be less than 30 inches in height. A ten foot visibility triangle must be maintained where driveways or alleys intersect sidewalks and streets (see figures 2 and 3 below).

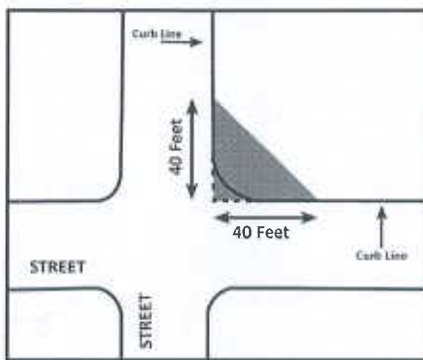


Figure 1

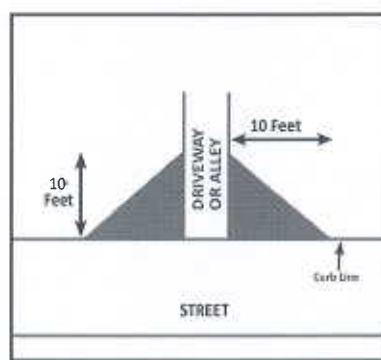


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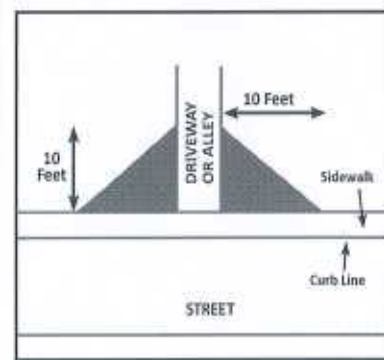


Figure 3

TREE TRIMMING (830 & 1165)

Property owners may trim trees on their own property. A person operating a tree trimming or tree removal business in Crystal must be licensed by the city. Tree planting or removal from public land, including boulevards (public right-of-way), is not permitted without prior written approval from the city. As a guideline, trees growing in boulevards within 15 feet of the curb are owned and maintained by the city.

WOODPILES (605.13)

The storage of cut firewood is permitted in residential areas, provided the firewood is used on the premises where it is being stored. All firewood must be cut/split, prepared for use, and stored in neat, secure stacks. Stacks of wood may be located only in rear yards and may not be located on a property line. A stack of wood located within five feet of a property line must be screened with a solid wall or fence.