Managing the Urban Forest of the City of Los Angeles

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 <u>Street Tree Selection Guide</u>. The recommended desirable distance between street trees for subdivision projects (for estimating purposes) is thirty feet.

In accordance with the standard specifications for Public Works Construction (SSPWC), tree/ tree well shall not be placed in front of building entrances and exits for ingress and egress as required by the Fire Department.

Street tree distances from other infrastructure are as follows:	FEET
Water Meters / Vaults/ Catch Basins	6
Gas Meters	10
Transit Shelters	10
Driveway Aprons and House Walks	8
Fire Hydrants	10
Street Lights	20
Electrical Power Poles	20
Alley Entrances	20
Intersections (45 feet from point of curb line intersect)	45
Pedestrians Lights	15
Railroad Tracks	100
Curb Drains	6
Stop Signs (before the sign)	50
Stop signs (beyond the sign)	25

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) 473-3231. This and other information sheets may be obtained at the Urban Forestry Division office at 1149 S. Broadway, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015.