Right of Way Tree Planting Guidelines and Requirements

The City of Rapid City requires a Right-of-Way Tree Permit for planting a tree in the right-of-way.

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No tree or shrub shall be planted or allowed to grow within 3 feet of the back of the curb or where there is less than 8 feet between the curb and sidewalk.

No tree or shrub shall be planted within 10 feet of a utility without approval by the Public Works Director.

No tree or shrub shall be planted or allowed to grow so the sight line for drivers or any traffic sign or signal is obscured.

Any tree, shrub or landscaping that is determined by the Rapid City Code Enforcement Division to obscure the vision of a vehicle traveling on the street or alley shall be trimmed or removed at the cost of the abutting property owner.

No plant deemed noxious or unacceptable by the Urban Forester shall be planted within the Right-of-Way.

Property owners must apply for a Right-of-Way Work Permit for any additional work in the Right-of-Way. Permits are obtained at the Rapid City Engineering Division at 300 6th Street.

Prior to tree planting property owner must call 811 for utility locates.

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12.04.090 Street Improvements, Work Permit
12.12.110 Parkways - Maintenance
12.32.080 Street trees
12.32.090 Trees on Public Property