

The City of Newburyport
Check List Guide for Protection of Public Trees

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The City of Newburyport, Department of Public Services and the Tree Commission have prepared this Check List as a quick guide for review in planning a safe construction site near trees. Please see the Guide for the Protection of Public Trees for more complete information in each category.

Prior to starting work on the site, it is essential that the site contractors become fully briefed by the Tree Warden or the Tree Warden's designee on the actions needed to retain and protect trees. A developer or contractor is strongly urged to follow the guidelines for the protection of all public trees. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary damage to a Tree. Additional situation specific issues not included in the list can be introduced and addressed with the Tree Warden at the same time.

Per City of Newburyport, City Ordinance 12-178 of Chapter 12 – Article VI, a penalty or penalties may be issued by the City and / or a replacement of said damaged property may be required.

- 1. Protection Zones: Fencing or cladding of tree trunks**

- 2. Common causes of tree damage change of finish grade, mechanical damage, outside of the tree's drip line, heavy protective mulching, site trailers, impervious paving, and others**

- 3. Underground Services**

- 4. Liquids, Weed Killers, and Other Lawn Chemical**

- 5. Fences and walls**

- 6. Trees in Parking Lots**

- 7. Mulch**

- 8. Clean up of brush and wood. Stump clearance**