

## HAZARDOUS TREES



The City allows removal of trees that pose threats to public safety and private property, including those that are diseased and/or dying. If you suspect that a tree on your property is

hazardous, submit a Design Review Application with a Certified Arborist Report to the Planning Department. The City will promptly review the merits of your application using an independent consulting arborist, and then allow you to take action to mitigate the confirmed hazard. If the hazardous tree is owned by your neighbor, gaining their cooperation to remove the tree (with City approval) is best. Should the hazard persist, §8.28.040 of the City's Municipal Code provides further guidelines for resolving the issue. If you suspect that a tree along a street is hazardous, please notify the Public Works Manager at (415) 435-4111.



## ROADSIDE TREES

Public Works maintains trees and other vegetation along streets to promote traffic safety and allow clearance for emergency vehicles. Residents who wish to perform maintenance on a roadside tree should first refer to survey records or check with City Hall to verify ownership. An encroachment permit will be necessary for all tree work that occurs along streets or near sidewalks.



## TREE WORK REQUIREMENTS

- Permitted tree work may only take place between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.
- Any work taking place on, adjacent to, or abutting City streets and sidewalks requires an **Encroachment Permit** that must be obtained from the City in advance of the start of work.
- Tree work that requires a **Road Closure** must be approved by the Public Works Department. Closures on certain streets will also require approval by the Fire District.
- All tree debris must be contained onsite and prevented from entering a body of water or storm drain system.
- Tree debris must be cleaned up daily.
- Slope stability measures must be used on steep hillsides.
- Tree maintenance companies must have a current City of Belvedere Business License.

## TREE RESOURCE DIRECTORY

### City of Belvedere

<http://www.cityofbelvedere.org/>  
(415) 435-3838

### Tree Selection Guide

<http://selecttree.calpoly.edu>

### Marin Master Gardeners

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/MarinMG/>  
(415) 473-4204

### International Society of Arboriculture

<http://www.isa-arbor.com/faca/findArborist.aspx>

### American Society of Consulting Arborists

<http://www.asca-consultants.org>



# Trees of Belvedere

*A Homeowner's Guide*



## Belvedere Planning Department

450 San Rafael Avenue  
Belvedere, CA 94920  
(415) 435-3838

*“Our vision is to preserve the special and unique sense of place while allowing changes that enhance Belvedere. We strive to protect existing trees and encourage planting of new trees.”*

**- City of Belvedere General Plan 2030**

## DESIGN REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Design review is required for landscaping changes that effect a visually significant portion of a property, such as tree removal. When trees are involved, significance is determined by the size of the tree, the number of trees to be removed, and the relationship of the tree to the lot and surrounding development. Typical tree removals that will require Design Review Approval include:

- Native trees greater than 16” in diameter
- Tree removals that are part of a larger project already subject to Design Review

Some tree removal projects may be exempt from the Design Review process. Exemptions may be granted if:

- The tree is not native to the area
- There are other trees in the area that will minimize the effects of the loss of the tree
- The tree is dead

**To discuss the specifics of your tree removal project, please contact the Planning Department at (415) 435-3838.**

## TREES TO PLANT

Well-maintained trees can provide visually appealing landscape features in addition to increasing property values.



The City of Belvedere encourages homeowners to select trees that grow to a height of no greater than 12 feet at maturity. This consideration will also help avoid future problems related to a loss of view or damage to structures. Larger trees may be used with Design Review approval.

Desirable trees include both native and introduced species that will thrive in Belvedere. Use the Tree Resource Directory on the back of this brochure to help guide your landscaping decisions.

## NATIVE TREES

- ◇ California Buckeye
- ◇ Coast Live Oak
- ◇ Pacific Madrone
- ◇ Valley Oak
- ◇ California Hazelnut
- ◇ Toyon



Madrone



Buckeye



Hazelnut

## TREES TO AVOID



Certain tree species are considered undesirable by the City of Belvedere. Reasons include: tall height at maturity, rapid growth, dense foliage, shallow root structure, flammability, breakability, or invasiveness. Trees that have these characteristics are more likely to cause property damage and obstruct views.

## UNDESIRABLE TREES

- ◇ Acacia
- ◇ Fir
- ◇ Arborvitae
- ◇ Eucalyptus
- ◇ Pine
- ◇ Cypress
- ◇ Poplar
- ◇ Spruce
- ◇ Manzanita

## FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS

The Tiburon Fire Protection District sets standards for landscape maintenance to enhance fire safety and provide clear and safe access for emergency vehicles:

- Trim and maintain vegetation back from edge of fire access roads.
- Trim trees so they do not hang lower than 13'-6" above any road or driveway.
- Remove piles of accumulated dead vegetation on the property.
- Clean any tree leaves and needles from roofs and gutters.
- Prohibited plants should be removed from within 50 ft. of any structure, including wood decks and balconies.



For a complete list of prohibited plants and landscaping rules, visit [www.tiburonfire.org](http://www.tiburonfire.org).