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## **NOTICE REGARDING STREET CLOSURE IMPACTING DOWNRIVER DRIVE TRAFFIC**

*City Urban Forestry Staff to Remove Dead Tree*

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City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff plan to do an emergency removal of a dead tree on Downriver Drive tomorrow beginning at 8:00 am. To facilitate the removal, Downriver will be closed between Columbia and Aubrey L. White Parkway from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm tomorrow.

Motorists should allow more time to reach their destination or consider taking alternative routes.

### **About Urban Forestry**

City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. City arborists help manage the urban forest by planting and maintaining trees throughout the City. The thinning of trees in some areas is also done to improve the overall health of various stands of trees in the City's park system. Improving the City's urban forest is an ongoing project that will take decades of work and careful management. In 2010 Spokane received its seventh year in a row designation as a Tree City USA. That program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information please call 509.363.5470 or go online to [www.spokaneurbanforestry.org](http://www.spokaneurbanforestry.org)

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