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**WORK BEGAN TODAY ON THE REMOVAL  
OF 19 TREES ON GRAND BLVD. BETWEEN  
29<sup>TH</sup> AND HIGH DRIVE**  
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In advance of the street re-paving project scheduled for Grand Boulevard from 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue to High Drive, tree work got under way today that eventually will bring 38 new utility-friendly trees to the neighborhood.

In addition to pruning for vehicle clearance, nineteen damaged, declining, or poorly-placed trees will be removed. In their place 38 replacement trees will be planted in the project area this fall after the street construction is complete. The new trees will be provided by the Spokane County Conservation District at no cost to homeowners. The new trees will be of utility-friendly size and located according to the Right Tree-Right Place principal to prevent future conflicts with underground and overhead utility lines.



**About Right Tree-Right Place**

A healthy community forest begins with careful planning. Before planting a tree, **carefully consider your surroundings. Trees need space to grow both above and below ground** – consider the type of tree and where it will be located in relation to overhead and underground utility lines. Learn more about selecting the right tree for the right place at <http://www.arboday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/>

**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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