

**WE'RE STARTING  
SOON!**

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Wherever a tree is recommended for removal, the City will work with the property owner to choose a suitable replacement tree which we will provide and plant. We ask that property owners water the young trees to help ensure they thrive. Watering is especially important during the first two years as the tree gets established.

Removals and replacement plantings are scheduled during the winter in order to take full advantage of the rain and to allow the new trees to begin growing roots before warmer weather brings out their leaves.



For additional information:

Contact the Department of Public Works at

650.330.6740

Or visit our website at:

[www.menlopark.org/reforestation](http://www.menlopark.org/reforestation)

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**Imagine Menlo Park  
without our beautiful trees!**

**CITY OF MENLO PARK  
REFORESTATION PROJECT**

**Restoring Menlo Parks' trees  
for future generations**



## Trees for future generations



In Menlo Park we love our trees. One resident said in a recent survey, “We have more trees than elsewhere in the peninsula – it’s one of the best things about Menlo Park.”

Most of the City’s street trees, those located between your property line and the street (travel way), were planted decades ago either by the City or during the original development of your neighborhood. Unfortunately, some of those trees are no longer healthy and are causing safety and other concerns as they age. Many trees are nearing the end of their life at the same time—80% of the City’s trees are classified as “mature.”

In some neighborhoods, large numbers of aging trees were planted at the same time. This makes them susceptible to disease and, once the trees begin to die off, could result in large barren areas along formerly tree-lined streets.

In order to keep our community full of the beautiful trees we all love, the City has begun a Reforestation Project to maintain a variety of healthy trees of differing ages, sizes and species. This means that street trees in decline or near the end of their life need to be gradually and selectively replaced with young healthy trees over time.



### Menlo Park is a Tree City USA!

- Trees remove carbon dioxide from the air (up to 48 pounds a year)
- Trees lower cooling costs 10-50%
- Trees diffuse and hold rain
- Trees block noise pollution
- Trees increase property values

During the summer and fall of 2008, certified arborists surveyed and identified declining street trees throughout the City. They prioritized trees that have structural problems or are damaging surrounding structures and should be replaced.

The City will contact property owners who have one or more street trees recommended for removal and replacement to determine if they are interested in participating in the Reforestation effort. We encourage the community to participate, but it is not mandatory.