

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



**d. Urban Forestry Administration**

**Planting Specifications**

Spacing between trees is 35-40 feet where no over head wires are present; 20-25 feet where wires are present. UFA uses the larger distance measurement whenever possible.

For safety reasons, and to reduce utility conflicts UFA will not plant trees within:

- 40 feet of an intersection, stop sign, or other traffic control device
- 25 feet of a non-controlled intersection
- 10 feet of a driveway or ally
- 15 feet of a light pole
- 10 feet of a fire hydrant

In addition to the above safety/utility constraints, UFA will not plant trees directly in front of a walkway lead, or directly in front of the steps to a dwelling where existing public or private tree cover will interfere with a tree's growth in front of wooded areas.

To assure normal tree development, the minimum dimensions for a tree box cutout is three feet by nine feet. UFA will not plant trees in the tree boxes or continuous strips (grass strips) if these planting dimensions are not met.