

Property Lines and Setbacks

Before beginning any project, know where your property lines and setbacks are. You can find this information on your Plat of Survey. In general, here are a few tips:

- All hardscape and construction must be at least 3' from the property line.
- Fences shall be placed on the property line but not in parallel to an existing fence.
- Talk to your neighbor before planting bushes or trees close to the property line. Remember they have the right to trim any landscaping that impedes on their property.

If you are ever in doubt, contact the village staff at 708.447.2700. They are here to help.



Find property lines and setbacks on Riverside's Map Viewer.

Codes and Ordinances

Please consult Riverside's Code of Ordinances for specific guidelines for your project via this QR code or the Village of Riverside's website.



Departments - Administration - Municipal Code



Scan the QR code to report Forestry issues such as fallen tree limbs.



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708.447.2700

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Village of Riverside Forester
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Resident Quick Reference Guide to Landscaping

Understanding, managing, and protecting the unique landscape of a historic landmark village.



Brought to you by the Village of Riverside, Riverside's Public Works department, and the Landscape Advisory Commission.

Permit - Do I need one?

If you are about to begin a landscape, construction, or renovation project, please visit the permit section of the village's website to see if a permit is required.



More info on Riverside's permitting process.



Tree protection ordinances.

Still not sure if you need a permit for your project? No problem! Call us at 708-447-2700

Riverside Homeowner's Guide to Landscaping in a Landmark Village

Riverside's Landscape Advisory Commission (LAC) has created a guide to help answer the most common homeowner landscape questions. The guide includes a list of natives, shrubs, and trees for our local environment, including light, soil, and moisture requirements as well as how much space is needed for each specimen.



Read the Homeowner's Guide.

You're living in a National Historic Landscape District

Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the founding father of Landscape Architecture, Riverside is the first planned community in America. Nestled along the Des Plaines River, its tree lined streets wrapping around green filled parks and common grounds, Riverside is a respite of peace and pastoral views in an urban community.

Riverside was named a National Historic Landscape District in 1970 and has been recognized as a Level II Arboretum since 2015.

Riverside's Tree Map

Being an Arboretum, our trees are an important part of our community. To learn more about our public trees, please visit Riverside's Tree Map. Here you will find the type of tree, size, how much carbon the tree sequesters, and its monetary value. Every tree on the parkways, in the parks, or on other public land is listed.



Scan the QR code to visit Riverside's Tree Viewer.

Before you excavate, make a date, with J.U.L.I.E.

J.U.L.I.E. is a free utility location service that comes to your home to mark buried utilities and other services.

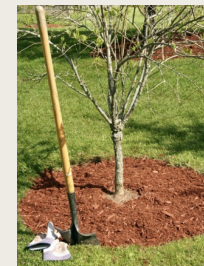
Submit a request 24 hours a day by calling 811 or 800-892-0123

Just say NO to VolcaNO mulch!

Placing too much mulch too close to your tree will weaken its root system and ultimately weakens the tree. It can even cause tree death.



Make sure your landscaper isn't damaging your trees! This is especially true for the trees on the parkway.



For a happy, healthy tree follow these guidelines:

- Mulch should not touch the tree trunk.
- Begin mulching 4" from the tree trunk.
- Mulch should be no more than 2"-3" thick.
- Water young trees regularly the first three years after planting. Water all bushes and trees in the fall, before they go dormant.

Parkway Tree Program

The village of Riverside loses around 100 trees per year due to storm damage, age, and disease. Our village forester is constantly monitoring and planting new trees throughout our village and he can plant one for you too!

If you would like a tree planted on your parkway, please contact our village forester. He will schedule an appointment to meet with you and discuss options.

This program is FREE to Riverside residents.

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