

PERMITTED BASIC AND ADVANCED STREET TREE CARE ACTIVITIES

MillionTreesNYC encourages basic and advanced stewardship of street trees. Tree care activities such as watering, soil cultivation, and removing litter or invasive weeds do not require explicit permission from NYC Parks. However, more advanced activities such as installing a tree guard, expanding a tree bed, and installing or removing stone or brick pavers, require completion and submission of a P-A Forestry Application, available here: <http://www.nycgovparks.org/pagefiles/52/P-A-Forestry-Application-Updated.pdf>.

MillionTreesNYC provides all trained stewards with official cards identifying them as having completed a basic tree care instruction course (if you are a steward and do not currently have this card, please write to stewards@milliontreesnyc.org so we can provide you with one). Although not required for basic tree care work, it is a good idea to bring your card with you when accomplishing any such activities. This will let local officials and community members know that you are certified to perform stewardship.

Please review the list of basic and permit-required activities below before beginning any tree care work:

BASIC TREE CARE (NO PERMIT NEEDED)	ADVANCED TREE CARE (PERMIT NEEDED)
Watering 15 – 20 gallons per week	Installing or painting/modifying a tree guard
Cultivating/aerating tree bed soil	Tree pruning (requires Citizen Pruner certification)
Removing litter from tree bed	Removing concrete to expand tree bed
Removing invasive weeds from tree bed	Installing temporary lighting/decorations
*Installing tree bed signage (see guidelines below)	Installing or removing paving stones or bricks
Providing mulch or compost for tree bed	Removing remaining tree stump
Planting approved vegetation (non-woody plants)	Planting trees in empty tree beds

TreeLC activity details are available here: <http://stewardship.nycparks.org/library.php>

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*STREET TREE BED SIGNAGE GUIDELINES

- Any signage **MUST BE** affixed to a post and staked in the ground, avoiding damage to tree roots, or affixed to an existing tree guard
- Signage **MUST NOT** penetrate the tree bark. Nails, staples, and pins are not permitted
- Signage may be procured through MillionTreesNYC, another organization whose design has been permitted by NYC Parks, or homemade and is subject to removal by the City of New York
- Permitted Signage may identify the person or entity providing tree care
- Permitted Signage may consist of images/text identifying the Tree Species
- The following types of Tree stewardship messages are approved:
 - "Please curb your dog"
 - "Watering 15 - 20 gallons a week helps this tree thrive"
 - "Refrain from walking on the soil")
 - No Littering
- Any organizational logo included must take up no more than 10% of the total imprint area of the sign
- The surface area of each sign shall be no larger than 12" X 8" and must preserve the aesthetic quality of the tree and the tree-bed
- The City reserves the right to conceal, cover or remove temporary signage that may interfere with conducting official city business



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