

Guidelines for Locating & Marking Street Tree Pits in the City of Philadelphia

Pit Sizes

- Minimum – 3' x 3'
- Preferred – 4' x 4' for small trees or 5' x 5' for larger trees
- Variations – 3' x 5' or 3' x 6' and others

Street Tree Location Guidelines

Required setbacks:

- 18" edge of tree pit from residential utility lines* (unless hand-dug)
- 5' from driveways
- 5' from manhole covers, storm drains, and main utility lines
- 5' min. unobstructed sidewalk width (walkway)
- 15' from light poles, utility poles, fire hydrants
- 20' from stop signs or street signs
- 30' from street corners
- 15' – 30' between trees (dependent on size/spread)

“Concrete marking to be done with white paint.”

***Utility Line Colors**

- Red-Electric Power Lines
- Yellow-Gas
- Orange-Communication