

## **City of Rialto Criteria for Tree Removal**

1. Trees that are dead or in significant and irreversible decline. Significant decline is defined as dead limbs composing more than one-third (1/3) of the tree crown.
2. Trees that have a potentially hazardous and uncorrectable structure.
3. Trees that are stunted or malformed due to crowding from adjacent trees or structures.
4. Trees that have an insect or disease infestation that is not treatable and could cause tree mortality.
5. Trees that are causing damage to structures as follows:

Sidewalks, curbs, drives, buildings, and other structures: Removal shall be granted if the cost to repair the damage exceeds the appraised value of the tree (using the appraisal method established by the International Society of Arboricultural), if the process of repair will compromise the health and safety of the tree, or if the tree is determined to be incompatible with the growing space available.

Sewer, gas, electrical, water and other utilities: Removal shall be granted if it can be determined that the tree caused the damage to the utility. If the center of the tree trunk is located within five feet of a utility line, it is assumed to have caused the damage. It will be the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate cause if the tree is beyond five feet beyond the utility line.

6. Trees that have yet to cause damage to structures, but are determined to be incompatible with the growing space available.
7. Trees that are significantly inhibiting the utilization of the property and removal can be determined to provide a public benefit.

**The City of Rialto desires to maximize the value of its urban forest. Therefore, healthy trees will not be approved for removal for issues not specifically listed above.**