

# ENHANCING NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY BY CREATING A SAFE PATHWAY

## KNOW THE RIGHT OF WAY, CLEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY

To protect public health and safety, it is important to keep streets, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and other public areas free of overgrown vegetation. Green spaces transform the District and provide many benefits that influence the health and well-being of our community. Property owners, both public and private, need to be conscious about managing vegetation on their property to address visibility and safety concerns.

It is important to meet the standards below and keep the following areas free of obstructions:

### Sidewalks

For a clear pathway, keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the edge of the sidewalk and at least **8 feet above sidewalks.**

### Streets

Keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the edge of the street at least **14 feet above streets.**

### Effective ways to enhance neighborhood safety:

- Trim trees and vegetation to increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- Maintain care and health of the trees on your property. Well-maintained trees provide shade, improve air quality and keep the community looking beautiful!

## KNOW THE RULES

### Property Owner Responsibility

Property owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of trees, plants and grass on private property. Overgrown trees and plants can pose a threat when they block the path or view of traffic signs, signals, fire hydrants, vehicles and people. Prune trees and trim or remove any vegetation that blocks the pathway of sidewalks and streets. Keep in mind, the strip of land between the street and sidewalk is public property but the maintenance of vegetation is the property owners' responsibility.

### Copper Valley C.S.D. Responsibility

The public right of way includes streets, sidewalks, common areas, landscaped cul-de-sacs, and park parcels. This land is public property and is owned and maintained by the Copper Valley Community Services District.

Promoting a safe, clean, visible, walkable, rideable and healthy community.

# CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PLACES

Whether by foot or by wheels, let's keep public pathways clear of obstructions and available for everyone's use.



## KNOW THE RULES

- Keep pathway cleared to at least **8 feet above sidewalks** and **14 feet above streets**. Trim vegetation back from the edge of the sidewalk and street.
- Encroachments onto CSD sidewalks and streets or those that obstruct signs or visibility are prohibited by CSD Encroachment ordinance <https://www.coppervalleycsd.org/2025#/docaccess-6b3885742ac5d701f6d1d3e8a6cd47f464925458d2a2d9fe367d1e724ac71285>

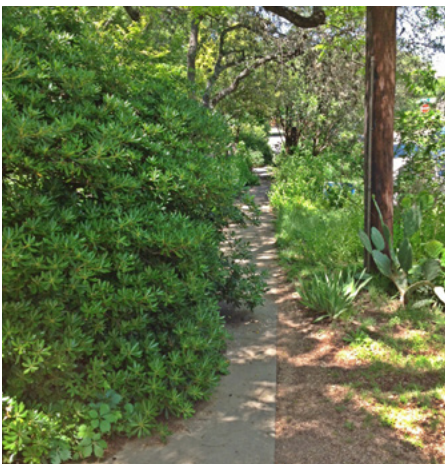
## BIG PICTURE

- **Did you know?** We could **double the amount of usable sidewalks** if residents trimmed the low-hanging branches and overgrown vegetation blocking sidewalks, streets and bicycle lanes.
- **Keep in mind**, if the path is blocked, people will often go around and into the street, making for an unsafe environment.
- **Trees provide many benefits to our community.** Be sure you care for them properly! Visit [treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org) on how to keep your trees healthy and happy.

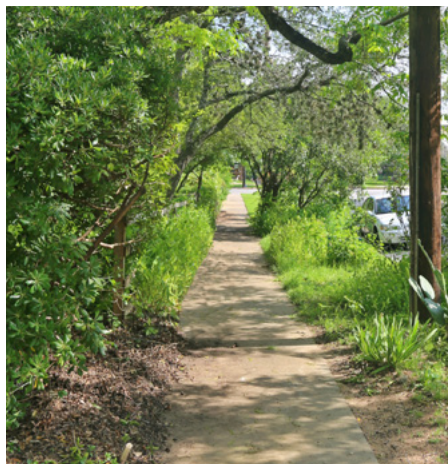
## QUESTIONS?

- Please contact one of our staff listed below for any questions you may have about this process.
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**BEFORE** | Overgrown Vegetation



**AFTER** | Cleared Pathway



## REPORT AN ISSUE

Please contact our staff if you see an area of concern that needs to be pruned.

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