

Tree Management Plans



Managing a property with numerous trees is a significant responsibility. Partnering with Rainbow to create a Tree Management Plan will help make the task easier and help your property thrive. A TMP serves as a blueprint for the upcoming years of tree maintenance, enabling you to budget and plan to maximize the benefits your trees offer.

What is a Tree Management Plan?

A Tree Management Plan (TMP) outlines the care of the trees on your property over the coming years. It contains recommendations for keeping your trees healthy and your property safe. A TMP helps with budgeting and planning for future years, saving money, and avoiding costly emergency tree work in the future. TMPs are ideal for campuses, office parks, and managed associations and can be implemented for newly installed or existing mature landscapes.

Why Create a Tree Management Plan?

A TMP is a valuable tool for planning, budgeting, and committing to the future of your landscape. It helps align all key contributors to your property to the same goals. TMPs make a property manager's job easier by providing a tactical approach to managing trees and related issues that may arise on the property.

What does a Typical Tree Management Plan Include?

Each TMP is customized to an individual property, however, they all share some similar components, including:

- **Goals:** A vision for the future of the trees, including objectives and actions
- **Inventory:** A list of all trees on the property, including their species, age, health, and location
- **Maintenance Plan:** A schedule of care, such as pruning, root care, and other tree healthcare recommendations
- **Risk Management:** A strategy for removing hazardous trees and limbs, especially near high-traffic areas
- **Monitoring:** A plan for regularly inspecting trees to identify problems early
- **Implementation:** A plan with specific dates and responsibilities for carrying out the actions



Mature landscapes



Developing landscapes

Commonly Asked Questions About Tree Management Plans

How long does a Tree Management Plan last?

Tree Management Plans are typically created with a time frame of 3–5 years. This duration allows for a balance of achievable short-term actions while building a sustainable path toward reaching long-term goals.

How long does it take to develop a Tree Management Plan?

The timeline for developing a Tree Management Plan depends on factors such as the time of year and when the property is ready for implementation. A site visit during the growing season is essential for an accurate assessment of the trees' health to create an effective maintenance plan. Typically, plan development takes 1–2 months. Some properties may implement the first year's services quickly while developing the full plan, ensuring it's ready for the fall budget season.

What is the typical cost of a Tree Management Plan?

The cost of a Tree Management Plan varies based on the size of the property, the number of trees, and the desired outcomes. On average, our plans range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending on the complexity and scope of the project.

How often will the Tree Management Plan be updated or reviewed?

Tree Management Plans are reviewed annually by your consulting arborist. However, updates can be made at any time if needed, such as an unexpected change within the landscape, budget, or property management goals. This ensures that the plan remains relevant and adaptable to evolving needs.

What happens if we don't follow the plan or implement all of its recommendations?

While it's ideal to follow the Tree Management Plan recommendations for the best long-term results, we understand that budget or other constraints may prevent full implementation. Not following certain recommendations could negatively impact tree health, leading to issues like infestations, disease, or structural decline. Your consulting arborist will help prioritize critical actions and adjust to stay within budget. Skipping key recommendations may result in higher costs or more extensive interventions later.

What type of property will benefit from a Tree Management Plan?

Tree Management Plans are recommended for sites with many trees including:



Corporate Campuses & Business Parks



Multi-Family Housing Properties



Managed Associations