

Sidewalk

Specifications for vegetation pruning within City of Bellingham city limits

Be an ally, overgrown vegetation can interfere with mobility. People in wheelchairs, pushing strollers, using walkers, with limited or no eyesight and kids on bikes all depend on open and accessible sidewalks. For questions please contact Public Works: 360-778-7800 or AskPW@cob.org.

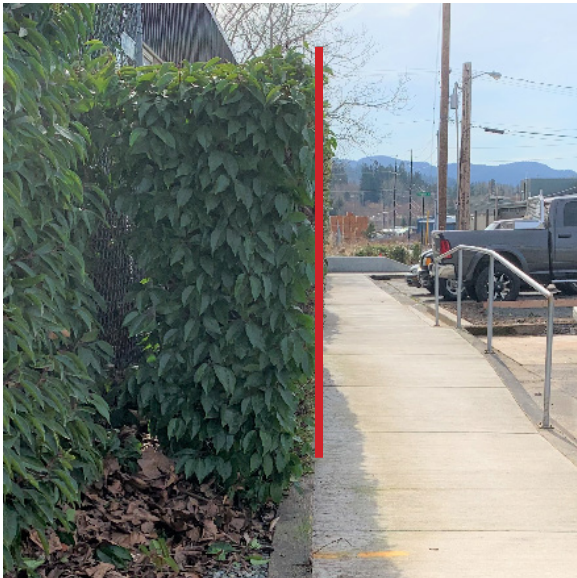
Por favor, para información en Español, comunicarse con el Departamento de Obras Públicas al Telefono (360) 778-7900. Gracias.

Out of compliance:



Vegetation should be maintained at a minimum **even with the edge of the sidewalk**. Anything over the surface is out of compliance with Bellingham Municipal Codes and ADA requirements. Vegetation interferes with safe pedestrian passage.

Compliant:



Minimum Compliance: vegetation is trimmed even with the edge of the sidewalk. **Continual maintenance** will be needed to keep vegetation from encroaching sidewalk right-of-way.

Out of compliance:



Eight feet of vertical clearance, at a minimum, must be maintained to ensure safe passage. Trimming has been started and is even at the bottom, however towards the top the vegetation encroaches the right-of-way, more trimming is needed to be in compliance. This trimming is incomplete and will warrant another notice if left like this.

Proactive method:



Proactive maintenance keeping vegetation behind the sidewalk allows future trimming to occur before vegetation obstructs the sidewalk and allows continued safe passage.

Streets & Alleyways

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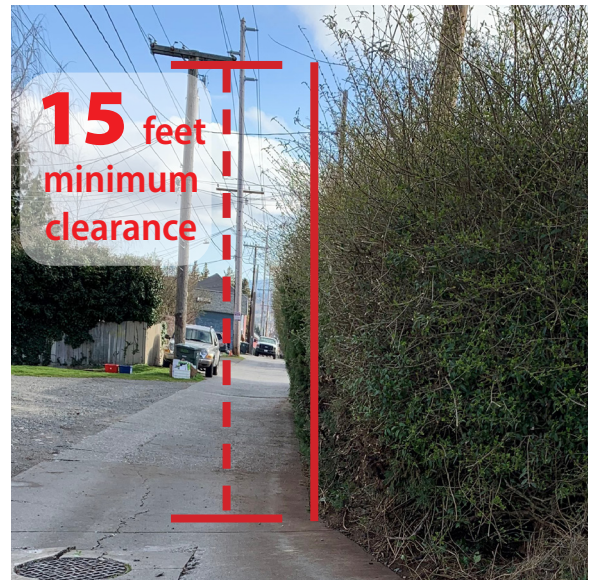
Vegetation needs to be maintained **at a minimum even with the edge of streets and alleys**. Any vegetation over the street surface is out of compliance with Bellingham Municipal Codes. Vegetation can interfere with passage of motor vehicles and can cause damage.

Compliant:



Minimum compliance: vegetation is trimmed even with the edge of the street or alley and debris has been removed. **Continual maintenance** will be required to keep vegetation from encroaching street or alley right-of-way.

Out of compliance:



Fifteen feet of vertical clearance, at a minimum, must be trimmed to ensure safe passage. Trimming has been started and is even at the bottom, however vegetation at the top encroaches the right-of-way and must be trimmed. This trimming is incomplete and will warrant another notice if left like this.

Proactive method:



Proactive maintenance to keep vegetation behind the edge of the street or alley allows future trimming to occur before vegetation obstructs the driving surface and allows continued safe usage of our streets and alleys.