

### WATER YOUR STREET TREES

Trees need 15 – 20 gallons per week from late spring to late fall, with a hose placed at the base of the tree for 15 – 20 minutes at the least flow possible.

### CULTIVATE THE SOIL

Breaking up surface soil allows water and oxygen to reach the roots. A hand cultivator is best. Finish by smoothing over topsoil.

### MULCH THE SOIL

Organic mulch conserves moisture, deters weeds, moderates temperature and promotes fertile soil over time. A 2- to 3-inch layer of undyed, unpainted coarse wood chips is best.

### DON'T RAISE SOIL LEVEL AROUND TRUNK

This causes the trunk to rot and will kill the tree.



# TREE TIPS

## CARING FOR YOUR CARNEGIE HILL STREET TREES

### INSTALL TREE BED GUARDS

Decorative fences, wire wickets or granite blocks prevent pedestrians, vehicles and dogs from damaging the trees and the soil.

### PLANT FLOWERS AND BULBS

Annuals beautify and aerate the bed; wilting leaves indicate when the tree needs water. Avoid planting anything with a newly planted tree to ensure saplings benefit from water and nutrients.

### CURB YOUR DOG: DOG WASTE KILLS TREES

Discourage dogs by installing guards, planting flowers, and using mulch. Dog owners tend to respect well cared for tree beds. Curb Your Dog signs are available at the Carnegie Hill Neighbors office.

### WINTER TREE TIPS

#### SALT KILLS STREET TREES

Salt kills tree roots. Do not shovel salt-laden snow into tree beds, and remove snow deposited by plows.

#### DE-ICE SIDEWALKS WITHOUT SALT

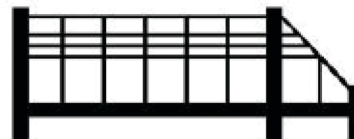
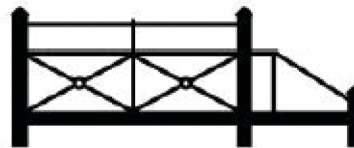
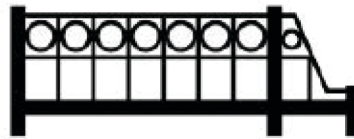
Rock salt kills trees and deteriorates sidewalks. Use calcium chloride, 46% granular urea, sand, ashes, or kitty litter.

#### MULCH TREE BEDS IN THE WINTER

Evergreen boughs from discarded holiday trees piled 6 to 8 inches maintain an even ground cover and protect perennials from winter burn.

### TREE GUARDS

Below are three regular styles approved by the Parks Department in New York City. Permits are required before installing. Go to: [www.treeguards.nyc](http://www.treeguards.nyc)



### CHN & TREES

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT STREET TREES?

Call or email CHN and a member of our Tree Care Committee will contact you: [info@chneighbors.org](mailto:info@chneighbors.org)

#### BECOME A CITIZEN PRUNER

Take a Trees New York certification course. For more info log on to: [www.treesny.org](http://www.treesny.org).

#### JOIN US!

CHN's Tree Care Committee schedules outings spring and fall and teaches basic tree care, pruning, and care of tree beds.

### CHN TREE CARE COMMITTEE

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