

Reflection Ridge Subdivision

Tree Selection & Installation Guidelines For Residents & Builders

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The lots in Reflection Ridge are designed to take advantage of the panoramic views of the Boise Mountains. Streets are laid out to accentuate these views creating view corridors. Roof heights are diminished in these corridors to assure views are protected. We select trees in the parkways in front of each home to be of a variety that will not grow into the view corridors.

The Ada County Highway District requires us to plant Type II tree varieties in the parkways which may grow into the view corridor. Mission Coast Properties recommends tree varieties that will not, at full maturity, grow into the view corridors. Not all lots are affected by view corridor concerns, only those along Wrightwood Dr., East Radiant Ridge Dr., and Reflected Ridge Dr.

Smaller varieties of conifer species can be found on google: Oregon Live conifers for small spaces. The Tree Selection Guide developed by the Boise Parks & Recreation's Community Forestry Unit, is a good source from which to learn the approximate height and width trees may grow in this area. However, there are other sources you can research to find a tree that will meet the recommendations we have outlined here.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing these guidelines into your landscape design work plan.

Guidelines for Street Tree/Parkway Planting

- Trees shall be 2" diameter at 4' high. Not 6" from the root flare, or where the tree trunk meets the soil.
- B&B (balled and burlaped) trees must have the wire wrapping and burlap cut ½ way down the root ball. Once it is placed in the planting hole, this can be done without injury to the roots. This means all plastic ties/ropes wrapped around the tree trunk and tied to the wire wrapping must be removed. See Tree Selection Guide Instructions included.
- Containerized trees may need their roots teased and cut to stop girdling roots. See Tree Selection Guide Instructions included.
- Stake trees but remove in within 2 years if the tree trunk is sturdy and does not move at the base with pressure.
- Root barriers will be used on all parkway tree plantings.

Tree Selection & Guidelines for Private Property Trees

- The City of Meridian has adopted the Tree Selection Guide produced by the City of Boise Community Forestry Unit, as a guide line for planting trees in the Rights of Way easements. However, this book is also useful when selecting local trees on private property. Order it for \$5.00 from the Boise Forestry Unit at 208.608.7700.
- In order to maintain the visual corridors, Mission Coast Properties recommends residents and builders to not plant trees that exceed 25' at maturity.
- Tree roots damage sidewalks. They should be planted a minimum of 6' from sidewalks and driveways.
- Root guards need to be installed along the sidewalk prior to planting in these areas.
- There should be at least 10' clearance of overhead obstacles such as roof lines. Tree width specifications are listed in the Tree Selection Guide.