



City of West Hollywood
**HERITAGE
TREE**
PROGRAM

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**TREES ARE
IMPORTANT TO THE
WEST HOLLYWOOD
COMMUNITY**

The City of West Hollywood's Heritage Tree Program encourages property owners to voluntarily participate for the purpose of maintaining the benefits that not only Heritage Trees, but trees in general provide to the community. Trees are unique living resources that provide shade, assistance in keeping the air clean of pollutants, resting places for wildlife, and natural beauty.

It is the City of West Hollywood's intent to provide reasonable assurance that West Hollywood's tree heritage will continue for future generations.

The Heritage Tree Program exists to help identify, promote awareness, maintain, designate, and protect Heritage Trees located within the City. Heritage Trees are preserved and protected through first establishing their locations, then through education and the encouragement of their proper care and maintenance.

The Heritage Tree Program is not intended to be a means to obstruct or stop the development of private or public property, nor will the protection of a Heritage Tree be a factor in preventing property development on or near the tree's location.

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How to Identify and Nominate a Heritage Tree.

The City of West Hollywood provides incentive benefits to encourage the preservation and protection of a designated or protected Heritage Tree.

Defining Types of Heritage Trees

A ***Designated Heritage Tree*** is a tree that is located on private property.

A ***Protected Heritage Tree*** is a tree that is located on either private or public property. A ***Protected Heritage Tree*** differs from a ***Designated Heritage Tree*** as it requires specific approval for any act that may result in its damage or removal.

Identifying a Heritage Tree

- Does your tree live in the City of West Hollywood?
- Is it well kept?
- Does it have room to grow?
- Is it visible to the public?
- Does your tree have historical significance?
- Is it on the “Southern California Native Tree List” or at least 24 inches in diameter?

Nomination Criteria for Heritage Trees

Any tree or shrub growing on public or private property within the boundaries of the City of West Hollywood that meets the criteria can be considered for Heritage Tree nomination. A Heritage Tree nomination may be made by any resident, property owner, or business owner.

Nominations must be filed with the City of West Hollywood, Department of Human Services. A Heritage Tree Committee will consider each Heritage Tree nomination at a public meeting.

Botanical Requirements

Any tree or shrub being considered for nomination as a Heritage Tree must meet all three of the following criteria:

- Architecturally sound, true to its genetic form, not topped or poorly pruned.
- Full potential to reach mature size and form.
- Visible from publicly accessible locations.

Upon meeting the botanical requirements, a tree or shrub being considered for nomination must meet at least two of the following four criteria:

1. Any tree or shrub that has historical significance, including but not limited to a specimen that is or was planted: As a commemorative, memorial, or tribute; or during an historical era significant to the Southern California Region, and recognized as characteristic of the landscaping of that era.
2. Any tree or shrub that has horticultural significance, including but not limited to a specimen that is: Distinctive in size, beauty, structure, or age, as compared to other individuals of the same species in the City; or an unusual species for the West Hollywood area and/or seldom found growing in Southern California urban areas; or identified as playing a significant role in the landscape or architecture of a specific location.
3. Any tree from the “Southern California Native Tree List” that has a diameter at standard height (DSH) of at least 8 inches, as measured at 4.5 feet above grade.
4. Any tree NOT on the “Southern California Native Tree List” that is at least 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH).

To maintain privacy, the City will contact private property owner(s) for their written consent of a tree being nominated for designation as a Heritage Tree.

The City of West Hollywood Provides Benefits for Nominated Heritage Trees

- Recommendations for proper care and maintenance.
- Inspection every four years.
- Consultation with the property owner regarding acceptable pruning methods and techniques.
- Consultation with the owner regarding possible alternatives to address condition(s) necessitating removal or potential damage.
- Pruning of Protected Heritage Trees (only) every four years.

For Additional Information Regarding the City’s Heritage Tree Program:

visit: www.weho.org/heritagetree

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