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# **Glossary of Selected Terminologies & Definitions for Community Tree Ordinances**



## Terminology and Definitions

### Origin of Terms and Definitions

Selected terms have been derived from the sources listed below, as well as from more than 130 Georgia community tree ordinances. Published sources include:

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## A

<b>Administrator</b>	The person responsible for administration of the tree regulations or his/her designee.
<b>Administrative or Technical Standards</b>	Guidelines or requirements needed to be fulfilled for compliance with the community tree ordinance.
<b>Aeration</b>	The process of adding air to the soil to alleviate soil compaction and improve structure.
<b>Aeration system</b>	Set of vertical holes or trenches created in the tree's root area to improve oxygen availability to the roots and gas exchange with the atmosphere.
<b>Agricultural Operations</b>	Those operations associated with growing a sellable agricultural commodity.
<b>ANSI</b>	Acronym for American National Standards Institute.
<b>ANSI A300 standards</b>	In the United States, industry-developed, national consensus standards of practice for tree care.
<b>ANSI Z133.1 standards</b>	In the United States, industry-developed, national consensus safety standards of practice for tree care.
<b>Appraisal</b>	Placing a monetary value on a tree or landscaping.
<b>Arboriculture</b>	Practice and study of the care of trees and other woody plants in the landscape.
<b>Arborist, (see also certified Arborist)</b>	Professional who possesses the technical competence gained through experience and related training to provide for or to supervise the management of trees and other woody plants in residential, commercial, and public landscapes.
<b>Assessment</b>	The hands-on inspection and review of the health and structural integrity of a tree.

## B

<b>Backfill</b>	(1) soil (and amendments) used to fill the hole when planting a tree; (2) soil, common fill, aggregates, or contaminants in various combinations put back into an excavation; may not be hospitable for tree root growth and function.
<b>Balled and burlapped (B&amp;B)</b>	Tree or other plant removed from the ground for re-planting, with the roots and soil wrapped in burlap; compare to <i>bare root</i> , <i>container grown</i> and <i>containerized</i> .
<b>Bare root</b>	Tree or other plant removed from the ground for re-planting without soil around the roots; compare to <i>balled and burlapped</i> , <i>container grown</i> , and <i>containerized</i> .
<b>Barrier</b>	(1) fences or other means of establishing a protection zone around trees on construction sites; (2) membranes or sheets installed vertically in the soil for limiting or directing the growth of tree roots.
<b>Best management practices (BMPs)</b>	Best-available, industry-recognized courses of action, in consideration of the benefits and limitations, based on scientific research and current knowledge.
<b>Bracing</b>	Installation of metal rods through weak portions of a tree for supplemental support.
<b>Branch bark ridge</b>	Raised strip of bark at the top of a branch union, where the growth and expansion of the trunk or parent stem and adjoining branch push the bark into a ridge.
<b>Branch collar</b>	Area where a branch joins another branch or trunk that is created by the overlapping vascular tissues from both the branch and the trunk; typically enlarged at the base of the branch.

<b>Buffers</b>	A natural undisturbed or created portion of a lot which is set aside to achieve a visual and/or noise barrier between parcels or land uses.
<b>Buildable area</b>	The portion of a lot which is not located within any minimum required yard, landscape strip/area, or buffer; that portion of a lot wherein a building may be located.
<b>Bulk density</b>	Mass of soil per unit volume; often used as a measure of compaction.

## C

<b>Cabling</b>	Installation of hardware or synthetic rope in a tree to provide supplemental support to weak branches or crotches.
<b>Caliper</b>	A standard of trunk measurement for understory or replacement trees. Caliper inches are measured at the height of 6 inches above the ground for trees up to and including 4-inch caliper and 12 inches above the ground for trees larger than 4-inch caliper.
<b>Canopy</b>	Collective branches and foliage of a tree or group of trees.
<b>Canopy tree</b>	The uppermost layer of the forest canopy; a tree or tree species with a crown that exists in or has the potential to reach the uppermost portion of the forest canopy. Also: Overstory tree.
<b>Cavity</b>	Open or closed hollow within a tree stem, usually associated with decay.
<b>Central leader</b>	Main stem of a tree, particularly of an excurrent specimen.
<b>Certified arborist</b>	Professional who possesses the technical competence gained through experience and related training to provide for or supervise the management of trees and other woody plants in residential, commercial, and public landscapes whose level of training is certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.
<b>Cleaning</b>	In pruning, the selective removal of dead, dying, diseased, and broken branches.
<b>Clearance</b>	Amount of open space between a tree branch and a power line, the ground, or a structure.
<b>Clear cutting</b>	A silvicultural system in which all merchantable trees are harvested over a specified area in one operation, with the intent of preparing the land for replanting as part of an ongoing timber management operation.
<b>Climbing spurs</b>	Sharp devices strapped to a climber's lower legs to assist in climbing poles or trees being removed; also called spikes, gaffs, irons, hooks, or climbers.
<b>Codominant branches, Codominant stems</b>	Forked branches nearly the same size in diameter, arising from a common junction and lacking a normal branch union.
<b>Conifer</b>	Cone-bearing tree or other plant that has its seeds in a structure called a cone; many, but not all, conifers are evergreen.
<b>Conk</b>	Fruiting body or non-fruited body (sterile conk) of a fungus, often associated with decay.
<b>Container grown</b>	Tree or other plant that has been grown in a container; compare to <i>balled and burlapped</i> , <i>bare root</i> , and <i>containerized</i> .

<b>Containerized</b>	Field-grown plant placed into a container for a time and then sold as a potted plant; term does not include a plant initially grown in containers; compare to <i>balled and burlapped</i> , <i>bare root</i> , and <i>container grown</i> .
<b>Critical root zone (CRZ)</b>	Soil area around a tree where the roots are located that provides stability and a significant uptake of moisture; defined as a circle around the trunk with a radius of 1.3 feet for every 1 inch in DBH, or as an area established by a certified arborist.
<b>Cross section</b>	Section perpendicular to the axis of longitudinal growth.
<b>Crown</b>	Upper part of a tree, measured from the lowest branch, and including all the branches and foliage.
<b>Crown cleaning</b>	Removing dead, dying, diseased, and/or broken branches from the tree crown.
<b>Crown reduction</b>	Method of reducing the height and/or spread of a tree by making appropriate pruning cuts.
<b>Cultivar</b>	Cultivated variety of a plant; cannot be reproduced without human assistance; usually propagated asexually (cloned); compare to <i>variety</i> .
<b>Cut / Grade change</b>	Removal or excavation of existing soil which changes the contour of the land.

## D

<b>DBH</b>	Acronym for diameter at breast height; standard measurement of tree size; the diameter of a tree trunk measured at 4.5 feet (1.3 meters) above ground.
<b>Deadwooding</b>	Removing dead and dying branches from a tree.
<b>Decay</b>	( <i>n.</i> ) An area of wood that is undergoing decomposition; ( <i>v.</i> ) decomposition of organic tissues by fungi or bacteria.
<b>Deciduous</b>	Tree or other plant that sheds all of its leaves according to a genetically scheduled cycle during the cold season in temperate zones; compare to <i>evergreen</i> .
<b>Decline</b>	Gradually diminishing health or condition of a tree.
<b>Development Activity</b>	Any alteration of the natural environment, which requires the approval of a development or site plan and issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit. Includes: the removal or destruction of trees incidental to the development of land or to the marketing of land for development; the removal or destruction of trees in conjunction with any grading activity, including the removal of trees incidental to the development of land or to the marketing of land for development; the removal or destruction of trees in conjunction with any grading activity, including the removal or filling (stockpiling) of soil, and logging, or the removal of trees not in conjunction with an ongoing forest management program.
<b>Dieback</b>	Condition in which the branches in the tree crown die from the tips toward the center.
<b>Diameter at breast height</b>	See <i>DBH</i> .
<b>Directional pruning</b>	Removing branches from a tree in such a way as to encourage new growth in a particular direction; usually applied to direct growth away from overhead conductors or other structures.
<b>Disease</b>	Condition that impairs the performance of one or more vital functions; usually associated with infectious conditions.
<b>Dormant</b>	State of reduced physiological activity in the organs of a plant.

**Drip line** Imaginary boundary on the soil surface defined by the branch spread of a single plant or group of plants. This area does not define the root zone of a tree.

## E

**Easement, planting** Defined strip of land adjacent to the public right-of-way granted by a private property owner on which the local government has the right to plant trees.

**Easement, utility** Defined strip of land beneath a utility line over which the utility has rights-of-way to maintain clearance; essentially part of the right-of-way.

**Evergreen** Tree or other plant that does not shed all of its foliage annually; compare to *deciduous*.

## F

**Fertilization** Application of essential minerals to a plant, usually through the soil.

**Fill / Grade Change** Placement of additional soil over existing grade which changes the contour of the land possibly altering nutrient movement through soil and hydrology of the site.

**Flush cut** Pruning cut through and/or removing the branch collar, causing unnecessary injury to the trunk or parent stem.

**Forestry** Management of forests, using silvicultural treatments, to provide a variety of forest benefits including timber, aesthetics, wildlife habitat, and/or recreational opportunities.

## G

**Genus** Taxonomic group of species having similar fundamental traits; botanical classification under the family level and above the specific epithet level.

**Girdling root** Root that encircles all or part of the trunk of a tree, or other roots, which constricts the vascular tissue and inhibits secondary growth and the movement of water and photosynthates.

**Grade** (1) Surface level of the ground; (2) quality determination for nursery stock.

**Grading Activity** Altering ground surfaces to specified elevations, dimensions and/or slopes; includes stripping, cutting, filling, stockpiling and shaping or any combination thereof, and shall include the land in its cut or filled condition.

**Grubbing** The removal of underbrush, such as shrubs, vines and trees under four (4) inch basal caliper. Grubbing does not include root raking and/or soil disturbance within the drip line of conserved or protected trees.

**Gymnosperm** Plants with exposed seeds, usually within cones; compare to angiosperm.

## H

**Hazard assessment** Process to determine the risk potential of a tree.

**Hazardous Tree** A tree that is at risk for failure because it is dead or structurally defective, in a location where that failure could result in personal injury or property damage.

**Herbicides** Chemical compounds that kill vegetation.

**Horizontal boring** Alternative to trenching for installation of underground utilities; avoids cutting of tree roots; compare to *trenching* and *tunneling*.

## I

<b>Impervious surface</b>	A surface through which water cannot penetrate, such as concrete, asphalt, rooftops, or severely compacted soil.
<b>Included bark</b>	Bark that becomes embedded in a crotch (union) between branch and trunk or between codominant stems; causes a weak structure.
<b>International Society of Arboriculture</b>	A worldwide professional organization dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation for trees and to promoting research, technology and the professional practice of arboriculture. This organization administers certification programs of arborists, tree workers, utility arborists, and municipal arborists.
<b>Integrated Pest Management (IPM)</b>	Method of controlling plant pests by combining biological, cultural, mechanical, physical, and/or chemical controls.
<b>Introduced species</b>	Organisms not native to a region; compare to <i>native species</i> and <i>naturalized species</i> .
<b>Invasive species</b>	Non-native organisms likely to spread, disrupting the natural balance of an ecosystem.

## L

<b>Leader</b>	Primary terminal shoot or trunk of a tree; large, usually upright stem; a stem that dominates a portion of the crown by suppressing lateral branches.
<b>Limb</b>	Large, primary branch of a tree.
<b>Limited disturbance</b>	Limits of any soil-disturbing activity.
<b>Limits of clearing</b>	Limits of any removal of vegetation.
<b>Line clearance</b>	Process of removing vegetation around utility lines.
<b>Live crown ratio</b>	Ratio of the height of the crown, containing live foliage, to the overall height of the tree.

## M

<b>Macronutrient</b>	Any of the nine (9) essential elements required by plants in relatively large quantities; in fertilizer, nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) are the primary elements; compare to <i>micronutrient</i> .
<b>Mass grading</b>	Process of reshaping landscape to specified elevations for the construction of buildings and/or to provide drainage.
<b>Mature height</b>	Maximum height that a plant is likely to reach if conditions of the planting site are favorable.
<b>Micronutrient</b>	Any of the essential elements required by plants in relatively small quantities: boron (B), copper (Cu), cobalt (Co), iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), and zinc (Zn); compare to <i>macronutrient</i> .
<b>Mitigation</b>	In tree risk management, process of reducing, alleviating, or minimizing damages or risk.

<b>Mulch</b>	Material that is spread on the soil surface to reduce weed growth, retain soil moisture, moderate temperature extremes, prevent damage from lawn-maintenance equipment, and improve aesthetic appearance of the landscape; only organic materials such as compost, leaves, pine straw, or wood chips are considered proper mulch.
<b>Mycorrhizae</b>	Symbiotic association between certain fungi and the roots of a plant.

## N

<b>Native species</b>	Plants indigenous to a region; naturally occurring and not introduced by man; compare to <i>introduced species</i> and <i>naturalized species</i> .
<b>Natural (target) pruning</b>	Process of branch removal in which the pruning cuts are made at nodes and in relation to the positions of the branch collar and branch bark ridge.
<b>Naturalized species</b>	Non-native species that has become established in a region and propagates without human assistance; compare to <i>introduced species</i> and <i>native species</i> .
<b>Non-development activity</b>	Any alteration of the natural environment which does not require development or site plan approval, but which would include the proposed removal or destruction of any tree(s). Any removal of trees that constitutes "Development Activity" as that term is herein defined shall not constitute non-development activity.

## O

<b>Organic fertilizer</b>	Fertilizer derived from plants or animals; compare to <i>inorganic fertilizer</i> .
<b>Organic layer</b>	Layer of organic matter at the soil surface.
<b>Organic matter</b>	Material derived from the growth (and death) of living organisms; compost, humus.
<b>Ornamental Tree</b>	Usually a mid-story or understory tree selected for aesthetic flowering, branching, or bark characteristics.
<b>Overstory, overstory tree</b>	The uppermost layer of the forest canopy; a tree or tree species with a crown that exists in, or has the potential to reach, the uppermost portion of the forest canopy. Usually over 40 feet in maximum height.

## P

<b>Pest</b>	Organism that is damaging, noxious or a nuisance.
<b>Pesticide</b>	Any chemical used to kill unwanted organisms such as weeds, insects or fungi.
<b>pH</b>	Unit of measure that describes the alkalinity or acidity of a solution; negative log of the hydrogen ion concentration; measured on a scale from 0 to 14; > 7 is alkaline, < 7 is acidic, and 7 is neutral (pure water).
<b>Phloem</b>	Plant vascular tissue that transports photosynthates and growth regulators; situated on the inside of the bark, just outside the cambium; is bi-directional (transports up and down); compare to xylem.
<b>Photosynthesis</b>	Process in green plants (and in algae and some bacteria) by which light energy is used to form glucose (chemical energy) from water and carbon dioxide.
<b>Plant Health Care</b>	Comprehensive program to manage the health, structure, and appearance of plants in the landscape.

<b>Planting specifications</b>	Detailed plans and statements of particular procedures and standards for planting.
<b>Protection zone</b>	See <i>tree protection zone</i> .
<b>Pruning</b>	Cutting away unwanted or damaged parts of a plant.
<b>Pruning cycle</b>	In utility and municipal arboriculture, the time scheduled between pruning events that is established as a guideline for providing reasonable clearance between trees and conductors.
<b>Public / Park tree</b>	Park and Public trees are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation in public parks and on public property at public facilities, and all area owned by the city, or to which the public has free access.

## Q

<b>Qualified line-clearance arborists</b>	In utility arboriculture, utility arborists who have been trained to specified standards for line-clearance work.
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## R

<b>Radial trenching</b>	Means of aerating the soil around a tree by removing and replacing soil in trenches made in a spoke-like pattern in the root zone to improve conditions for root growth.
<b>Raising</b>	Selective removal of lower limbs from a tree to provide clearance; lifting.
<b>Reduction</b>	Pruning to decrease height and/or spread of a branch or crown.
<b>Reduction cut</b>	Pruning cut that reduces the length of a branch or stem back to a lateral branch large enough to assume apical dominance.
<b>Resistant varieties</b>	Plant varieties that are tolerant of, or not susceptible to, certain disease or pest problems.
<b>Restoration</b>	(1) Pruning to improve the structure, form, and appearance of trees that have been severely headed, vandalized, or damaged; (2) management and planting to restore altered or damaged ecosystems.
<b>Right-of-way (ROW)</b>	Defined area of land, usually a linear strip, over or through which utilities are constructed, maintained, and operated, or to which access is granted.
<b>Risk assessment</b>	Process of determining the level of risk posed by a branch, tree, or group of trees on a property.
<b>Root ball</b>	Soil containing all (containerized) or a portion (B&B) of the roots that are moved with a plant when it is planted or transplanted.
<b>Root barrier</b>	Membranes or sheets installed vertically in the soil to limit or direct the growth of tree roots.
<b>Root collar</b>	Flared area at the tree trunk base where the roots and trunk come together; root crown.
<b>Root collar excavation</b>	Process of removing soil to expose and assess the root collar of a tree.
<b>Root crown</b>	Area where the main roots join the plant stem, usually at or near ground level; root collar.
<b>Root flare</b>	See <i>trunk flare</i> .

<b>Root Plate</b>	The area of the root zone comprised of pedestal roots, the zone of rapid taper and roots under compression, with a directional radius based on the tree trunk diameter at 4.5 feet above ground. The root plate is typically represented by a concentric circle centering on the tree's trunk with a radius, equal in feet to one-half times the number of inches of the trunk diameter.
<b>Root protection zone</b>	Surface area of tree root concentration to be protected from construction damage, usually soil compaction damage; best accomplished by fencing off the entire root protection zone.
<b>Root zone</b>	Area within the soil profile where roots exist; typically the root zone of trees extends beyond the drip line.
<b>R-O-W</b>	See <i>right-of-way</i> .

## S

<b>Scaffold branches</b>	Permanent or structural branches of a tree.
<b>Semi-pervious Surface</b>	Hardscape, aggregate or porous paver that allows at least fifty percent (50%) of surface water to pass through the man-made material and into the underlying soil.
<b>Silviculture</b>	Study and practice of the maintenance and growth of forests.
<b>Site analysis</b>	Determination of the conditions, restrictions, and environment of a planting site.
<b>Soil aeration</b>	See <i>aeration</i> .
<b>Soil amendment</b>	Material added to soil to improve its physical, chemical, and/or biological properties.
<b>Soil analysis</b>	Analysis of soil to determine pH, mineral composition, structure, salinity, and other characteristics.
<b>Soil compaction</b>	Compression of the soil, often as a result of vehicle or heavy-equipment traffic, that breaks down soil aggregates and reduces soil volume and total pore space, especially the macropores.
<b>Soil texture</b>	Relative fineness or coarseness of a soil due to particle size (sand, silt, and clay).
<b>Species</b>	Taxonomic group of organisms composed of individuals of the same genus that can reproduce among themselves and have similar offspring.
<b>Specifications</b>	Detailed plans, requirements, and statements of particular procedures and/or standards used to define and guide work.
<b>Specimen Tree</b>	Any tree which qualifies for special consideration for reservation due to its size, type, condition, location or historical significance.
<b>Staking</b>	Supporting a newly planted tree with stakes and ties.
<b>Stem</b>	Woody structure bearing foliage & buds that gives rise to other stems (branches).
<b>Street tree</b>	Trees growing along street frontages, either within the public street right-of-way or the front yards of adjacent lots.
<b>Stress</b>	Factor that negatively affects the health of a tree.
<b>Structural defects</b>	Any naturally occurring or secondary conditions such as cavities, poor branch attachments, cracks, or decayed wood in the trunk, crown, or roots of a tree that may contribute to structural failure.

<b>Structural pruning</b>	Pruning to establish a strong branch scaffold system.
<b>Structural roots</b>	Large, woody, tree roots that anchor and support the trunk and crown; roots characterized by secondary thickening and relatively large diameter giving form to the root system and functioning in anchorage and support.
<b>Structural soil</b>	Pavement substrate that can be compacted to meet engineering specifications yet remains penetrable by tree roots in the urban environment; composed of angular crushed stone, clay loam, and hydrogel mixed in a weight ratio of 100:20:0.03; developed at the Urban Horticulture Institute, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
<b>Stub cuts</b>	Pruning cuts made too far outside the branch bark ridge or branch collar that leave branch tissue attached to the stem.
<b>Subordinate</b>	( <i>v.</i> ) Pruning to reduce the size and ensuing growth of a branch in relation to other branches or leaders; ( <i>adj.</i> ) dominated by other trees, branches, or parts; suppressed.

## T

<b>Tap root</b>	Central, vertical root growing directly below the trunk that may or may not persist into plant maturity.
<b>Target</b>	(1) Person, object, or structure that could be injured or damaged in the event of tree or branch failure; (2) in pruning, the final location where the tree part is removed.
<b>Target (or natural) pruning</b>	Process of branch removal to achieve a specified goal in which the pruning cuts are made at nodes and in relation to the positions of the branch collar and branch bark ridge.
<b>Terminal bud</b>	Bud at the tip of a twig or shoot; apical bud; compare to lateral bud.
<b>Thinning</b>	Selective pruning to reduce density of live branches; removing unwanted branches and limbs to provide light or air penetration through the tree or to lighten the weight of the remaining branches.
<b>Through-pruning</b>	Removing branches from the middle of the tree crown to provide clearance from utility lines; similar to V-pruning, except that some branch overhang remains above the lines.
<b>Timber harvesting</b>	The non-land disturbing activity involving removal of trees as part of an ongoing timber management operation. This activity does not include the grubbing or removal of stumps or the "pushing over" of trees.
<b>Topping</b>	Inappropriate pruning technique to reduce tree size; cutting back a tree to buds, stubs, internodes, or laterals not large enough to assume apical dominance.
<b>Topsoil</b>	Surface layer of soil that may be rich in nutrients from decaying plants and bacterial material; often removed when lots are graded in preparation for construction.
<b>Transplanting</b>	Moving a plant to a new location.
<b>Transplant shock</b>	Plant stress following transplant; characterized by reduced growth, wilting, dropping foliage, or death.
<b>Tree</b>	Woody perennial usually having one (1) dominant trunk, but sometimes multiple trunks, and a mature height greater than 15 feet.
<b>Tree Bank</b>	An account maintained by an administrator and funded by developers, as a form of alternative compliance to the tree ordinance. Funds are to be used solely for education and the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees for public benefit on public property, or private property within a public easement.

<b>Tree Board / Tree Commission</b>	A group usually identified and empowered by a tree ordinance, having various authorities and responsibilities related to the care and management of trees within the community.
<b>Tree establishment</b>	The activities associated with planting a tree, including site selection, species selection, tree selection, tree transport, site preparation, tree planting, irrigation, and mulching; also includes regular inspection, pruning, and other new tree maintenance. See also <i>establishment period</i> .
<b>Tree island</b>	Enclosed planting bed surrounding a tree, such as a bed within a paved area.
<b>Tree protection zone</b>	Defined area within which certain activities are prohibited or restricted to prevent or minimize potential injury to designated trees, especially during construction or development.
<b>Tree Removal</b>	Any act which causes a tree to die, including but not limited to damage inflicted upon the root system or trunk as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The improper use of machinery on the trees;</li> <li>(b) The storage of materials in or around the trees;</li> <li>(c) Increased soil compaction;</li> <li>(d) Altering the natural grade to expose the roots or to cover the tree's root system with more than 4 inches of soil;</li> <li>(e) Causing the infection or infestation of the tree by pests, fungus or harmful bacteria;</li> <li>(f) Pruning judged to be excessive by the community development director or not in accordance with the standards set forth by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA);</li> <li>(g) Paving with concrete, asphalt or other impervious surfaces within such proximity as to be harmful to the tree or its root system; and</li> <li>(h) Application of herbicides or defoliant to any tree without first obtaining a permit.</li> </ul>
<b>Tree Save Area</b>	An area designated for the purpose of meeting tree conservation requirements, saving natural trees, and/or preserving natural buffers.
<b>Tree value</b>	Appraised, monetary value placed on a tree.
<b>Tree wall</b>	Wall constructed around a tree, with the original grade raised, to protect the trunk by maintaining the original soil level and to provide oxygen and water to the root zone.
<b>Tree wrap</b>	Material used to wrap the trunks of newly planted or transplanted trees.
<b>Trenching</b>	Linear excavation, often used to install utilities or structural footings; can cause tree root damage; compare to <i>horizontal boring</i> or <i>tunneling</i> .
<b>Trunk flare</b>	Transition zone from trunk to roots where the trunk expands into the structural roots; root flare.
<b>Tunneling</b>	Alternate method to trenching for installation of underground utilities; compare to <i>horizontal boring</i> and <i>trenching</i> .

## U

<b>Understory, understory tree</b>	The layers of the forest canopy that exist beneath the overstory; a tree or tree species with a crown that exists in or has the potential to reach only to the lower to middle layers of the forest canopy- usually under 40 feet in maximum height.
<b>Urban forestry</b>	Management of naturally occurring and planted trees in urban areas.

<b>Utility line-clearance pruning</b>	Selectively removing vegetation and vegetation parts from around utility lines, primarily to keep trees and branches clear from overhead lines and equipment; also used for other management reasons.
<b>Utility pruning</b>	Pruning around or near utility facilities with the goal of maintaining safe and reliable utility service.

## V

<b>Variety</b>	Naturally occurring subdivision of a species having a distinct difference and breeding true to that difference; compare to <i>cultivar</i> .
<b>Vegetation management</b>	Management and control of vegetation to achieve established goals and objectives.
<b>Vertical mulching</b>	Drilling vertical holes in the soil and filling them with materials such as composted mulch, gravel, perlite, peat, or sand to improve aeration and sometimes fertility.
<b>Vigor</b>	Overall health; capacity to grow and resist stress.
<b>Vitality</b>	Overall health; ability of a plant to deal effectively with stress.
<b>V-pruning</b>	Providing clearance from utility lines by removing branches from the middle of the tree crown such that the cut appears as V-shaped when viewed from a specific angle.

## W

<b>Windthrow</b>	Tree failure due to uprooting caused by wind.
<b>Wire basket</b>	Type of metal basket used to support the root ball of a balled and burlapped tree or a tree dug with a tree space.
<b>Wound dressing</b>	Compound applied to tree wounds or pruning cuts. Rarely recommended.
<b>Woundwood</b>	Lignified, differentiated tissues produced on woody plants as a response to wounding; compare to <i>callus</i> .

## X

<b>Xeriscape</b>	Use of plant materials (usually native plants) and practices that minimizes landscaping water use; term for environmentally friendly form of landscaping; term was copyright by Denver Water in 1981.
<b>Xylem</b>	Main water- and mineral-conducting tissue in trees and other plants; provides structural support, becoming wood after lignifying; is unidirectional (conducts up only); compare to <i>phloem</i> .