



# Restore Mass Ave

Working together to re-green Embassy Row



## How to Save Trees During Construction

Big machines can whack a tree or overrun its growing space in a moment. Yet we all need mature trees to carry rainwater into the ground, make cooler, cleaner air and beautify neighborhoods. These guidelines are based on DC construction rules called the "Blue Book."

**Keep this flyer handy to help save trees!**

### Rules for Tree Protection:

- **No loads, equipment or trailers within 20 feet of the tree or inside the tree's drip line.** <sup>(1)</sup>
- **A 9' x 4' construction fence must be placed around each tree in the project area before and during the job.** <sup>(2)</sup>
- **Damage to branches or that injures a tree must be repaired under city direction.** <sup>(3)</sup>

Source: "Blue Book" or Standard Specifications for Highways and Structures, DDOT 2009. <sup>(1)</sup> 611.07 (B)(2) <sup>(2)</sup> 611.07 (B)(1) <sup>(3)</sup> 611.07 (B)(3)(4). See also Section 107 for construction near trees. Violations are subject to fines.

### Photos Help

Take a photo of the tree and note the address. Email these to UFA's Ward 2 for this area, [Simon.Banua@dc.gov](mailto:Simon.Banua@dc.gov)

### 3 Steps to Save Trees:

- 1) Tell the workers you suspect a violation. Ask them to stop. Call the dispatcher; the number should be on the truck. Usually crews will stop work until a supervisor allows them to continue.
- 2) If the problem persists, report it to the Mayor's service line by [calling 311](tel:311) or going to <http://311.dc.gov>. You will be given a report number for follow up.
- 3) If you fear immediate harm to a tree, call the DDOT Urban Forestry Administration at (202) 671-5133 and ask for the Enforcement Officer to come to handle the situation.

### Why are they digging in Embassy Row streets?

DC Water is digging the streets of Embassy Row to pull out old sewer and water mains and install new ones. The area is part of DC's Combined Sewer System which normally carries flows to the Blue Plains plant. But in storms, the old pipes can back up, spilling rainwater and sewage through "CSO outfalls" along Rock Creek, and the Potomac and Anacostia rivers. The Embassy Row project replaces pipe to CSO Outfall 036 below the Buffalo Bridge. It is part of a multi-billion dollar program to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. More is at [http://www.dewater.com/wastewater\\_collection/css/default.cfm](http://www.dewater.com/wastewater_collection/css/default.cfm)

**Concerned about this work?** Speak with the onsite job chief Rob Richards or call him at (202) 330-9490. DC Water's 24/7 emergency line is (202) 612-3400. A photo and message may be sent to [info@dewater.com](mailto:info@dewater.com).