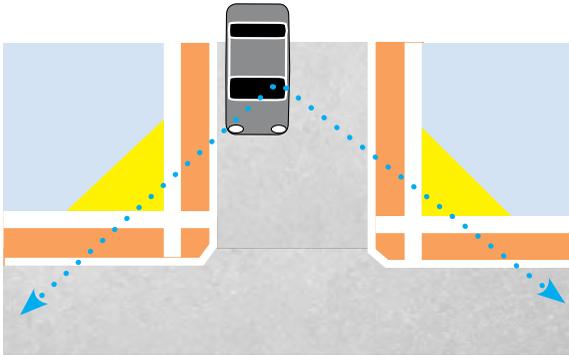




Visual clear zones at all intersections promote safety in your neighborhood.



The visual clear zone includes:

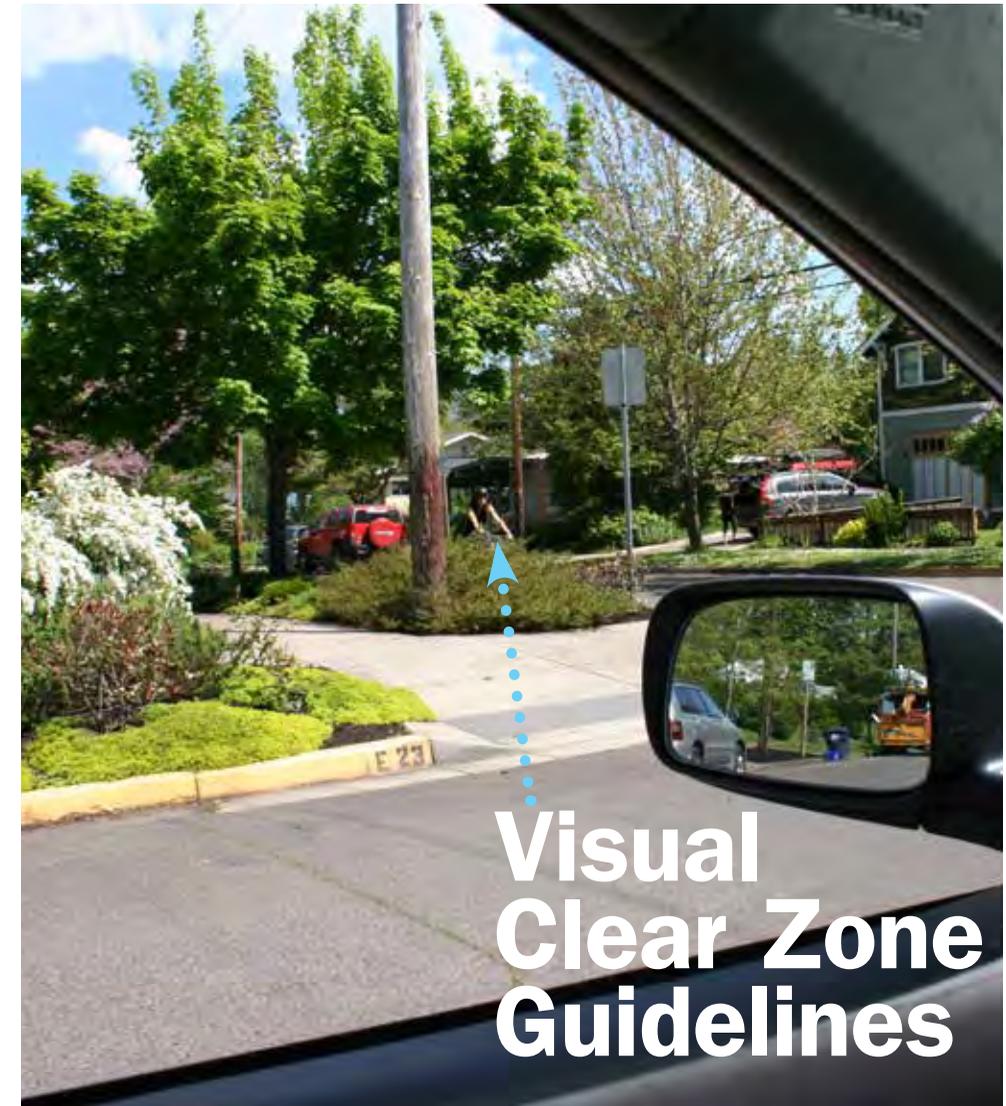
- The area on the street side of the property line (public right-of-way)
- The area behind the property line (private property)

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the visual clear zone on both their private property and the adjacent public right-of-way.

Keeping sight lines clear of all visual obstructions helps pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers approaching intersections see each other clearly.



Thank you for helping promote safety by following these guidelines!



Visual Clear Zone Guidelines

Making your neighborhood safer for those who walk, bike and drive

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a visual clear zone?

To help promote traffic safety, the City of Eugene has identified specific areas on both public and private property, called “visual clear zones,” that must be kept clear of obstructions so that drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians have a clear line of sight.

What is a street tree?

Street trees are trees growing within the public rights-of-way.

How do you define “vegetation”?

Vegetation includes trees, shrubs, flowers, weeds and grass.

What is the “public right-of-way”?

The right-of-way is a strip of land set aside for public use. Examples include streets, alleys, sidewalks, park strips, bike paths and utilities. Right-of-way widths vary from street to street. At your house, the public right-of-way begins at the edge of your property and continues across the street to your neighbor’s property line.

I noticed an intersection where there are obstructions. Can I report a zone for inspection?

Yes! Call the City of Eugene at 541-682-4800, or use our online Request for Service form at eugene-or.gov/pwserve.

541-682-4800

eugene-or.gov/urbanforestry

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Visual Clear Zones

Help improve safety by following these code requirements:

Vegetation: 9-foot minimum clearance above sidewalk

On Private Property: 15-foot triangle with maximum height of 30 inches

In Public Right-of-Way: 35 feet along property line with maximum height of 18 inches

Vegetation: 15-foot minimum clearance above street



At street intersections
Eugene Municipal Code 9.6780

On private property, the visual clear zone is triangle-shaped. To establish end points, measure 15 feet along each property line, beginning at the property corner closest to the intersection. Connect the two end points with an imaginary line to form a triangle (see yellow area above).

This zone must be kept free of all visual obstructions (fences, shrubs and other vegetation) between 30 inches and 9 feet above the curb line. Where curbs do not exist, the height is measured from the crown of the street.

Property owners are also responsible for maintaining visual clear zones in the adjacent public right-of-way (see orange area above).

Vegetation
Eugene Municipal Code 6.010(1)1

All vegetation must also be properly pruned to provide clear sight lines, and to protect pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers from running into low limbs, trees and other vegetation extending into the public right-of-way.

Vegetation must be trimmed to at least:

- 9 feet above the sidewalk area and adjacent parking strips
- 15 feet above a street or alley

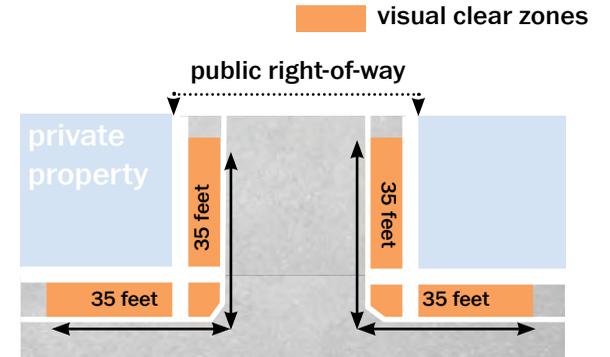
If a “street tree” (located in the public right-of-way adjacent to your property) needs attention, call the City of Eugene at 541-682-4800 or use our online Request for Service Form at eugene-or.gov/pwserve to schedule a tree inspection. Urban Forestry staff will complete the work at no charge. We appreciate your patience, as we receive a large number of requests. You can also hire an International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborist to prune your street tree with Urban Forestry’s approval.

Public Right-of-Way

Eugene Municipal Code 4.833 and 6.010(j)2

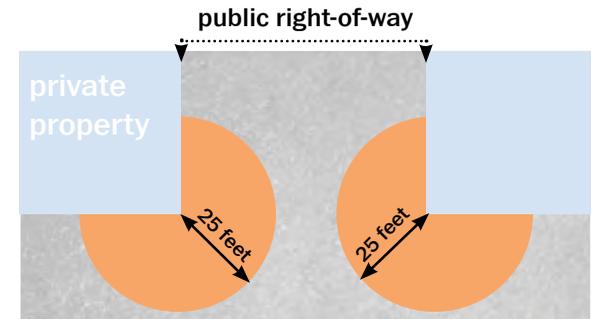
Street intersections with curbs

The visual clear zone lies between the property line and the curb line and is L-shaped with legs of equal length. Each leg is 35 feet long, measured from the intersection point of the curb lines when extended. The maximum height of all vegetation within this area is 18 inches above the crown of the adjacent roadway.



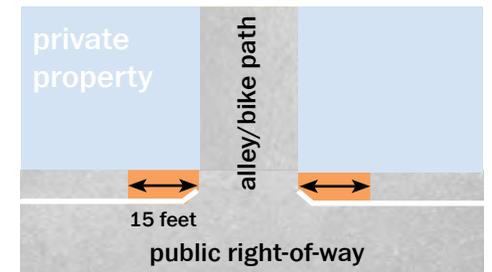
Street intersections without curbs

The visual clear zone is semicircular, and the center of the semicircle is the private property corner. The distance measured from the property corner to the edge of the semicircle is 25 feet. The zone extends from property line to property line. The maximum height of all vegetation within this area is 18 inches above the crown of the street.



Alley/bike path intersections with curbs

The visual clear zone is a 15-foot-long rectangle lying between the curb and the private property line. The area is measured from the alley or bike path along the property line. The maximum vegetation height is 18 inches above the curb.



Alley/bike path intersections without curbs

The visual clear zone is a quarter-circle, with the center of the circle at the property corner. The distance from the corner to the edge of the circle is 15 feet. The maximum vegetation height is 18 inches above the street.

