

Sunwest Homeowners Association, c/o MSI LLC, 11002 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80020-3200

The Sunwest HOA Board encourages homeowners to add to the value and enjoyment of their property by planting trees. We do not require approval from the Architecture Control Committee for tree planting.

However, please plan ahead and use common sense when deciding on which trees you want to plant, and where to plant them. Be aware of the mature size of the trees you want to plant, so that they will not cause problems some years from now when they grow up. The most serious problem is when trees are planted too close to the house. If the mature tree grows into contact with the house it may need to be removed, which is a shame and an expense. Another problem is when trees are planted too close to the sidewalk. Owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks unobstructed by trees and shrubs. If tree roots cause the sidewalk to heave, the owner is responsible for the cost of repairs. With some forethought in planning before planting, trees can be a source of enjoyment and add value to your property.

For your safety, be sure to call the Utility Notification Center for Colorado (UNCC) before digging in your yard. UNCC will send out locate tickets for all the buried lines in your area (water, gas, electrical, cable, and phone). Their phone number is 811.

You can find **Recommended Trees for Plains Communities of Eastern Colorado**: A Guide for Selecting, Planting, and Caring For Trees a guide provided by the Colorado State Forest Service, the Colorado Tree Coalition, and the US Forest Service, by clicking on the following link: <u>Tree Guide</u>.

You can see the Town of Erie recommended guidelines for planting trees, by clicking on the following link: Tree Planting Details.