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## “Trim Tree Branches Before Winter”



Tree branches can be a snow plow's worst enemy. If they hang too low over the street, the branches can scratch the sides of the cab and possibly break mirrors or truck antennas. For that reason, City of Norfolk Health Inspector John Kouba is asking people to trim their tree branches now while the weather is favorable.

“It's a job that is easy to forget in the summer when the weather is nice but is necessary when snow falls and city snow equipment needs to clear the streets unhindered by low hanging branches,” Kouba said.

According to City ordinances, tree branches must be trimmed at least 14 feet above the ground near streets or alleys to give enough clearance for vehicles that travel by. Kouba said that 14 feet is about as high as the canopy that's over most convenience store fuel pumps.

“You may be able to trim the branches yourself or you may want to have someone do it who has the equipment to get the job done more safely and efficiently than many homeowners can,” Kouba said.

Property owners are responsible for the trees that are located on their property or on the terrace adjacent to their property. For more information about trimming trees that are in the right-of-way, contact Kouba at 402-844-2046.

