

WEEDS & VEGETATION SAFETY BULLETIN

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PROPERTY OWNERS: DO YOU KNOW?

Property owners are responsible for clearing overgrown vegetation.



Overgrowing weeds, shrubs, trees and other vegetation can make pedestrian travel difficult and cause traffic hazards. Sidewalks, streets and alleys must be free of all vegetation. The Seattle Weeds and Vegetation Code requires:

- **Sidewalks** must be clear from concrete edge to concrete edge, and vegetation hanging over the sidewalk must be trimmed up to 8 feet above the sidewalk, so that no branches are hanging down over the walkway below that level.
- **Streets and alleys:** vegetation must not encroach onto the roadway, and vegetation hanging over the street or alley must be trimmed so that the roadway is clear to 14 feet above the street surface.



Keeping sidewalks properly cleared of overgrown vegetation is the property owner's responsibility.

AVOID A FINE

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, Code Compliance Division, is the Seattle government agency that enforces the Weeds and Vegetation Code (Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 10.52). **Non-compliance can trigger \$150 or \$500 citations.** Please learn more at www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam611.pdf.



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