Requirements:
- Construct protection fencing.
- Call 628.652.8733 to request inspection of any roots greater than 2" that must be cut or shaved.
- Make clean cuts, with sharp tools. Do not tear roots with mechanical equipment.
- For excavated areas with exposed roots
  - Keep equipment and excavated backfill on the side furthest from the tree, not against the trunk.
  - Water to prevent excessive root drying.
  - Replace the backfill on the same day if at all possible.
  - Cover exposed roots with wet burlap to prevent them from drying out; in hot dry conditions.
    - In the absence of adequate rainfall, apply 20 gallons of water per week by deep soaking methods.
  - Add mulch to tree basin and manage soil moisture after construction.

Important Don’ts:
- Do not stockpile materials within protection zone.
- Do not pile mulch or soil against trunk.
- Do not compact soil with equipment, vehicles, material storage, and/or foot traffic.

Ultimately the contractor and property owner can be held responsible for failure to protect trees during construction. Contact Urban Forestry at 628-652-TREE(8733) with questions.