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- **Remove** a sick elm from your yard ASAP — it is contagious. If your elm is diseased and marked for removal, have it removed right away. Do not store elm firewood in your woodpile unless all of the bark has been removed.
- **Plant a tree** in your yard. Before planting a tree on your *boulevard*, call the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board at 612-370-4900 for a free permit.



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- **Donate** to the citywide fund for planting and protecting trees. Make tax-deductible donations to the Foundation for Minneapolis Parks, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411-2227.

## Did you know . . .

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- Minneapolis and Evanston, IL are the last strongholds of American elm trees in the U.S.
- In 1975, Minneapolis had more than 300,000 American elms. Today it has about 50,000.
- Elms are succumbing to Dutch elm disease at the rate of 10,000 trees per year — we could lose our remaining elms in five years.

## Why should we save our trees?

- A mature tree shading your house can save up to 30 percent on air-conditioning.
- Mature trees boost your property value.
- A single mature tree can remove up to 48 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per year and release enough oxygen to support two people.
- Large trees remove 60 to 70 times more pollution than small trees.
- A tree provides \$3 to \$7 in annual benefit for every dollar invested in its care.

## Learn More!

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