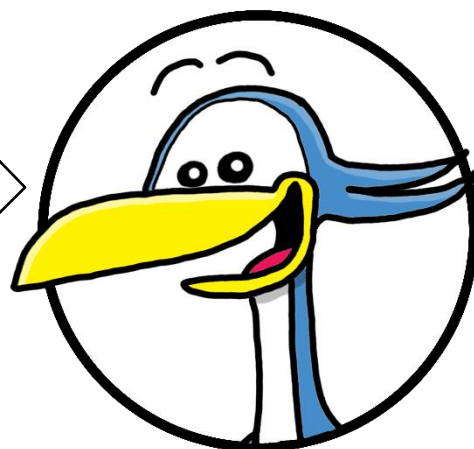


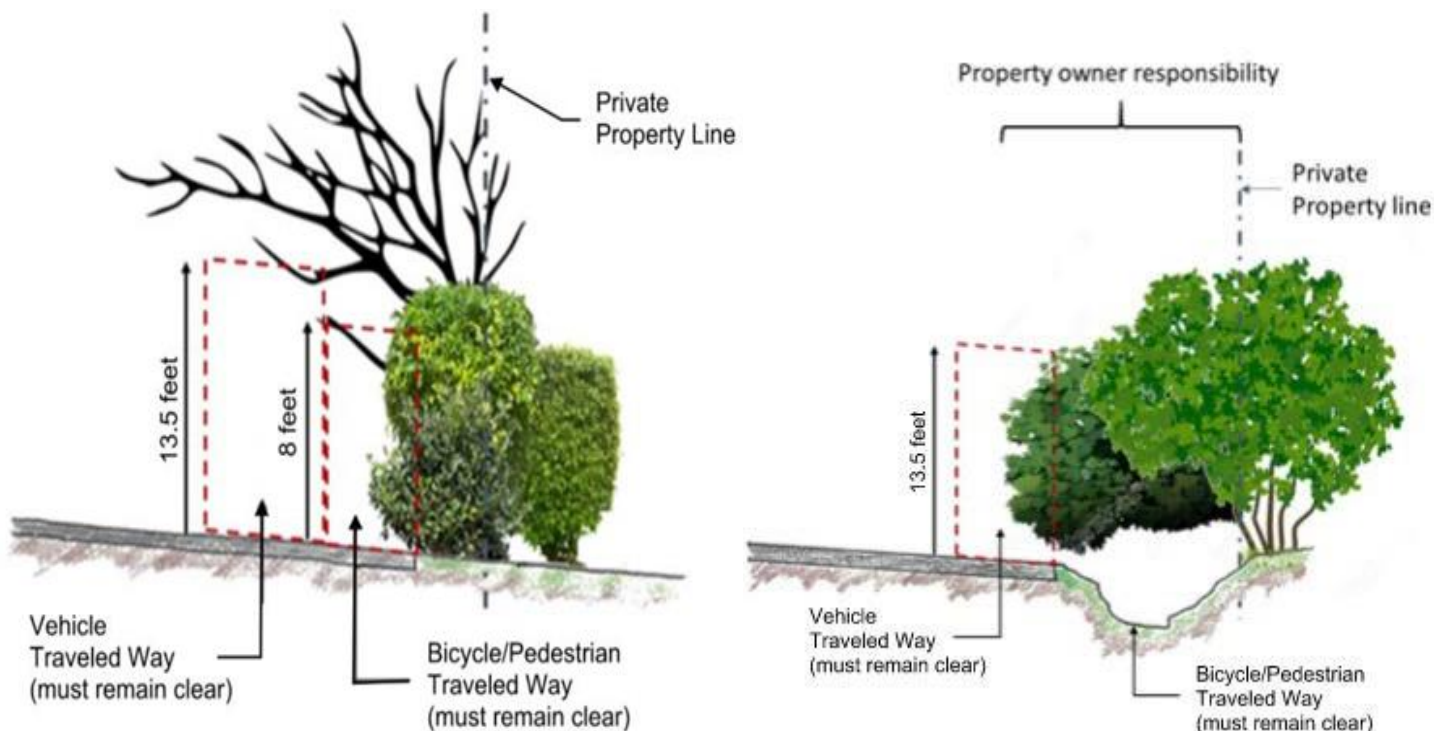
# Maintaining Vegetation



The City of Kenmore needs your help to keep sidewalks, walkways and roadways safe and accessible for everyone! Property owners are responsible for maintaining trees, bushes and other vegetation on their property and in the right of way adjacent to their property. Please keep up with your trimming and contact the City if you have questions or concerns.



## Hank



Property owners must keep roadways, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and walking paths (4 feet minimum width) clear of vegetation. Roadways must be clear to a height of 13.5 feet and other traveled ways\* clear to a height of 8 feet. At intersections, there should be no obstruction, including but not limited to vegetation, between 42 inches and 8 feet above the existing street grade to allow sight distance. Ditches must be allowed to flow freely. Trimming of vegetation in the right of way is the responsibility of property owners.

\* Traveled ways are defined "by the edge stripe or edge of pavement where no stripe is present"

If you have any questions, please contact Jarrett Smith, Right-of-Way Inspector  
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# Right of Way Maintenance

**What if I have a hedge, bushes or trees that are against the road or sidewalk?**

It is the responsibility of adjacent property owners to keep vegetation clear of the traveled way and out of certain areas at intersections to maintain sight distance. If the City receives a vegetation complaint you will receive a letter from the City with instructions on where vegetation trimming should occur. Citizens are responsible for clearing sidewalk debris and snow.

**Water that isn't from my property passes through the ditch in front of our home. Do I have to clear this ditch?**

Yes. Ditches are to be free of debris and blockages and maintenance, including mowing, is the responsibility of adjacent property owners.

**Are the maintenance requirements in the City code?**

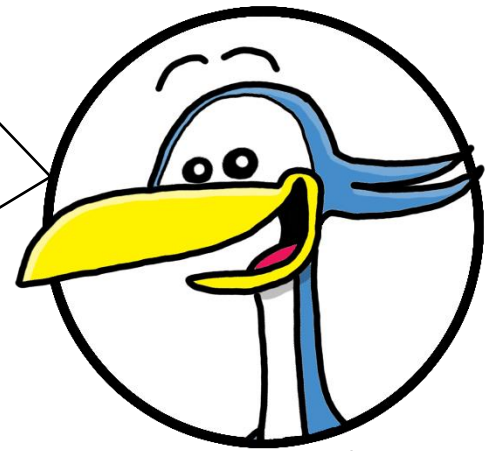
Yes. The Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) section 12.70 covers vegetation and sidewalk maintenance.

**The City has mowed in front of my house in the past. Is this going to continue?**

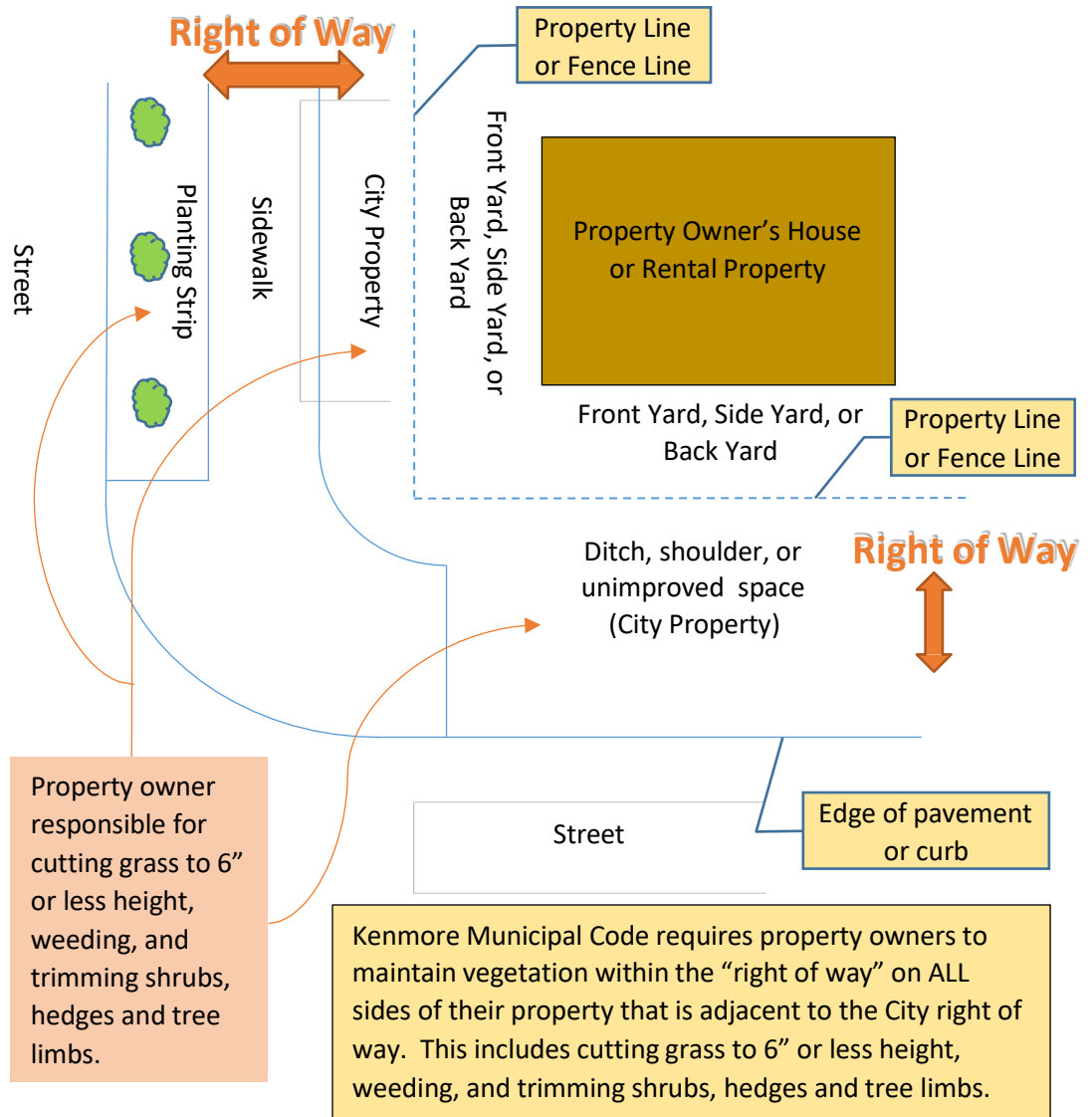
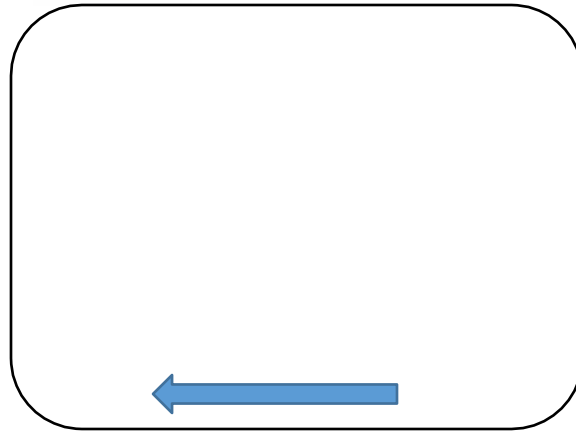
No. The City will rely on adjacent property owners to maintain their vegetation according to the requirements of KMC 12.70.

**The sidewalk in front of our house is broken. Is this my responsibility?**

Maybe. If the cause of damage is from private property or actions of property owners, then yes. If the cause is not from actions of the adjacent property owners, the City will repair sidewalks based on a prioritized program and funding availability.



## Hank



Property owner responsible for cutting grass to 6" or less height, weeding, and trimming shrubs, hedges and tree limbs.

Kenmore Municipal Code requires property owners to maintain vegetation within the "right of way" on ALL sides of their property that is adjacent to the City right of way. This includes cutting grass to 6" or less height, weeding, and trimming shrubs, hedges and tree limbs.

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