



Public Works Department

The City of Green Lake Public Works Department is staffed with 5 full-time staff members. The Public Works staff is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Water Utilities, City Streets, City Public Parks, Hattie Sherwood Campground, and the city portion of the bike trail. The City has the prestigious designation as a Tree City USA.

Tree City USA Program History: Started in 1976, Tree City USA is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's oldest programs. Founders had a vision for a greener, healthier America, and hoped this initiative would inspire change on a nationwide level.



Benefits to the Community:

- Trees help absorb the sounds of traffic in urban areas by 40%.
- Neighborhoods with trees are seven to nine degrees cooler than those without.
- Trees reduce energy costs up to 25% by shading buildings and protecting them from winter winds.
- Homes with trees have higher property values.
- Green space plays a major role in improving mental and physical health.
- Planting and maintaining trees absorb carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, mitigating the effects of climate change.
- Publicly demonstrating your commitment to the environment is a great way to build pride among residents, as well as position your community as an attractive place to live.

Safety Information: Color-coded Utility Marker Flags

At one time or another, you've probably noticed small flags of various colors placed in your yard or in the grass around town. Sometimes the grass is also marked with paint. What does this mean? It means someone in the vicinity is planning to do some digging and they called **Diggers' Hotline at 811** to mark the areas where utilities such as electricity, water, gas, phone or other lines are buried. If these lines are not marked and someone digs up a line, it could be detrimental. The American Public Works Association has color-coded all utilities so it's easy for those in the industry to immediately identify what utility is located there.

Key to the flags' colors:

RED – Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

YELLOW – Gas, Oil, Steam Petroleum or Gaseous Materials

ORANGE – Communication, Cable TV, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

BLUE – Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

GREEN – Sewers and Drain Lines

PINK – Temporary Survey Markings

WHITE – Proposed Excavation

Remember to call **Digger's Hotline at (414) 259-1181 or dial 811** before you dig. Having underground utilities properly located could save your life!