

Where Roots Really Grow

Understanding how and where roots grow will help you avoid damage from trenching and construction.

Here are some facts to remember:

- Because roots need oxygen, they don't normally grow in the compacted oxygen-poor soil under paved streets.
- Roots often grow outward to one to two times the height of the tree.
- Eighty-five percent of a tree's roots are located within eight to 24 inches of the surface.

