



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City of Pierre Completes Four Weeks of Tree Trimming**

**PIERRE, SD** – The City of Pierre has completed four weeks of proactive tree trimming to improve visibility, roadway safety, and overall street maintenance operations.

A crew of 10 employees from the Parks and Street Departments have been working steadily to clear trees throughout the community. Over the past four weeks, the team has dedicated approximately 1,300 man hours to the project, clearing the equivalent of roughly 150 blocks.

Completed streets include Dakota, Capitol, Broadway, Elizabeth, East Sioux, Church, 3rd and 4th Streets, Polk, and North Taylor.

Bryan Tipton, Director of Parks and Recreation, emphasized the safety impact of the work.

“The main effect of trimming is to ensure clear sight lines at intersections and visibility of stop signs and streetlights.”

Street Superintendent Nick Hericks noted that tree clearance supports multiple city operations beyond winter maintenance.

“Proper trimming improves access for garbage trucks and street sweeping operations, and it benefits any road maintenance that needs to take place. Low branches can interfere with equipment, especially during chip sealing when dump truck beds must be raised along the curb line.”

Weather conditions, including moisture and cold temperatures, created a few delays during the four-week period, but crews have continued making steady progress.

By addressing tree clearance proactively, the City of Pierre is improving intersection visibility, protecting public works equipment, and ensuring smoother delivery of seasonal services throughout the community.

For questions regarding tree trimming operations, residents may contact the City of Pierre at [cityofpierre.org](http://cityofpierre.org).

