Protection of Sunriver Trees During Construction

Properties under construction will be inspected periodically for tree protection compliance by the Compliance Inspector and/or Environmental Manager. Failure to implement any of the tree protection measures required by the Design Committee as a condition of approval will result in a stop work order and/or a fine. The following are recommended do’s and don’ts that should be practiced by all contractors during construction and that may be required as a condition of approval.

What to do:

1) Erect temporary fencing (ex. snow fencing) at least around the “drip line” of the tree. A better rule of thumb is to allow one foot of space from the trunk of each inch of trunk diameter.

2) Hand prune any roots impacted by trenching, making clean cuts.

3) If possible, mulch areas subject to compaction by equipment traffic and materials storage with a layer of chips 8-10 inches thick.

What not to do:

1) Do not store materials or equipment within the tree protection zone.

2) Do not move or alter the tree protection zone.

3) Do not dig or trench within the tree protection zone.

4) Do not pile dirt around tree trunks or change the soil grade.

*The drip line is the area beneath the outermost branches of a tree.

NOTE: The above are considered the minimum measures that should be taken to protect tree health. Much more can be done. We recommend employing the services of a certified arborist early in the planning stages for tree protection measures.