

**Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York Chapter 31
Rule Governing House/Site Connections to the Sewer System**

§31-06 Tree plantings adjacent to existing water and sewer infrastructure.

(a) Specific requirements. When planting trees, the separation distance shall not be less than:

- (1) six feet center to center from distribution mains;
- (2) eight feet center to center from mains greater than twenty inches in diameter; or
- (3) four feet from the sheeting area for sewers.

(b) Variances. Variances from these requirements may be granted in cases where the minimum separation distances cannot be physically met and, subject to DEP approval, where additional root protection systems are proposed. In no case may a tree be planted directly above a water main or a sewer.