Focus on Forestry

We agree. Our tree canopy is such an important part of our Town that we have our very own Town Forester, Josh Embrey. The Town Forester is responsible for managing the diversity, health, and sustainability of our urban forest.

Trees within our urban forest provide endless benefits – they play a vital role in our economy and are socially and environmentally important to our future. This is why it is important to protect and maintain what we have.

Using sound arboriculture practices, the Forestry Division works daily to maintain a safe, healthy, and attractive urban forest for our community. Here are some of the ways the Forestry Division accomplishes these important objectives:

• Preventive and strategic treatment of Town ash trees against invasive pests
• Consult with residents to assess the health of right-of-way trees and options for care
• Assessment of risk due to aging or declining trees to provide a safe community
• Replacement and diversifying our tree species palette to increase resiliency
• Identify and control insects and disease
• Work with developers and landscape contractors to ensure appropriate species are planted properly within existing and new development right-of-way’s (between curb and sidewalk)
• Perform general maintenance on trees located within Town-owned public areas

For questions, please call the Town of Berthoud at 970.532.2643.
Berthoud Forestry Facts
There are over 6,000 trees throughout Town. More than 1,500 specimens are managed by the Forestry Division.

The Town has planted nearly 160 new trees in the past two years, which doesn’t include the 100’s of new trees planted by new developments.

The Town has treated approximately 60% of the 940 ash trees within the street rights-of-way and public areas to prevent or treat infestation of the emerald ash borer and other damaging insects.

Shadow Planting
Succession Planning for Our Trees:
To ensure we always have a healthy and diverse urban forest the Town employs a “Shadow Planting” strategy. Our Forestry Division plants young trees next to aging trees – in this way, when the large older trees have lived out their lives, the “shadow” tree will already be well established and able to take over the important job of providing shade and beauty.

Look around, you will see our “shadow” trees all over town!

Protect Yourself from Mosquitos
Remember the Four D’s
Beyond buzzing, biting, blood-sucking, and stinging, they can carry serious diseases. Here are the best ways to minimize danger (and annoyance) during mosquito season:

1. Drain - Mosquitoes breed in water! Drain any standing water in your yard each week. Bird baths, clogged gutters and kiddie pools are common breeding sites.

2. Dress - Wear lightweight, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants while outdoors. Spray clothing with insect repellent as mosquitoes may bite through clothing.

3. Defend - Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. During peak West Nile virus season (mid-June through August) infected mosquitoes can be found all along the Front Range, so use repellent where you live, work, and recreate.

4. Dawn/Dusk - The best way to avoid West Nile virus is to prevent bites. If possible, stay indoors during peak mosquito biting hours (generally from dusk to early dawn).