

# Raised Decorative Planters

## Good Intentions Gone Bad

### Instead of this:



Installing raised decorative planters around existing trees can have negative effects on the trees and plants it surrounds by:

- Smothering roots,
- Potentially severing roots and destabilizing trees, and
- Encouraging weak secondary roots and sprouts off the main trunk.

As a result, valuable trees begin to decline and die.

### Design this:



An alternative that protects under-story plantings is a low three-sided fence around the parkway. Install it with the street side free of the fence so that car doors may open and access is maintained.

*Note: Before you construct anything around the parkway, you must get a permit from the Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. For information, call 312-74-GOBIZ (312-744-6249).*



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