

# Waseca County Windbreak & Tree Setbacks Pertains to all County Zoning Districts

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Note: property line setbacks can be eliminated upon written agreement by adjoining land owners.

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# Windbreak Setbacks



**FROM ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS:**

- 1) All windbreaks and trees shall not be less than twenty (20) feet from a public right-of-way line when the right-of-way line is less than one hundred (100) feet in width.

**(Exception:)** When the right-of-way is more than one hundred (100) feet in width, the setback shall be fifteen (15) feet.

**Note:** If you live on a corner lot or parcel of land having two or more intersecting roads, all windbreaks and trees must meet the above setbacks from all road right-of-ways.

**FROM SIDE AND REAR BOUNDARY LINES:**



- 2) All windbreaks consisting of:
  - a) **Shrubs** shall not be less than **ten (10) feet** from the **side or rear boundary line** of a parcel of land &
  - b) **Trees** shall not be less than **twenty (20) feet** from the **side or rear boundary line** of a parcel of land.

**ELIMINATION OR DIMINISHED SETBACKS – WRITTEN AGREEMENT REQUIRED:**

- 3) Rear and side line setbacks on a parcel of land for windbreaks and trees may be eliminated or diminished by agreement of adjoining property owners when their agreement is in writing and filed with the Zoning Administrator. Such agreements may be on forms available from the Zoning Administrator.

**DEFINITION OF A SHRUB\*:**

- 4) Vegetation that neither exceeds twenty-five (25) feet in height at maturity nor has a total spread in excess of twenty (20) feet at maturity shall be considered a shrub.

**DEFINITION OF A TREE\*:**

Vegetation that either exceeds twenty-five (25) feet in height at maturity or has a spread in excess of twenty (20) feet at maturity shall be considered a tree.

**WHO DETERMINES A TREE OR SHRUB IF A QUESTION ARISES?**

\*Determination of any vegetation's height or spread at maturity to be decided by the Zoning Administrator in consultation with the Waseca County Soil Water Conservation District.

**WRITTEN AGREEMENT:** Document available from the Waseca Zoning Administrator

**WRITTEN AGREEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT:** (Example below)

A written agreement shall be accompanied by a site drawing showing the location, type and number of trees or shrubs planted.

**KEY:**

Shrubs  
H - Honey Suckle

Trees:  
C - Crab Apple  
M - Maple  
W - White Spruce  
B - Black Hills Spruce

Eliminated/Reduced Setback:  
**On East property line**

Number	Type	Setback
10	H	0 ft
10	C	10 ft
10	M	15 ft

