

Congratulations on your new tree guard! With a bit of regular care, your tree guard will have a very long useful life. Urban tree guards are subject to many type of abuses, most often: dog urine, scratches from bikes and scooters and impacts from vehicles.



To start, we recommend placing a sign in your tree bed to discourage chaining bikes and scooters. A maintained garden is another clear signal that dogs are not welcome.

Rust is the mortal enemy of steel! Rust forms when moisture contacts the bare metal of your guard, which has been exposed by a deep scratch or from acids in urine. NYC Tree Pit Services' tree guards are made of solid steel so rust can be corrected if addressed promptly. We recommend that you take time to inspect your tree guard on a regular basis so rust can be addressed before it spreads.

If you see rust starting to form, follow this simple process:

1. Apply a paint-safe rust remover according to instructions. Rinse and dry the area.
2. If there is any loose paint, lightly sand until smooth.
3. Clean the surface again and allow to dry.
4. Brush on oil-based paint according to instructions. Allow to dry between coats.



In the event that your tree guard is impacted by a vehicle and dented, repairs must be made by a qualified professional. Please call us for an estimate.

We thank you for your business and for protecting our urban forest!