

# ARR City of Austin Right-of-Way

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Low Tree Limbs



# The Two Situations Low Tree Limbs Are Identified By ARR:

- If a low tree limb is contacted by an ARR Vehicle in the COA ROW.
- If a Safety Member or an ARR Operator/Supervisor identifies a low tree limb in the COA ROW before it is contacted by an ARR Vehicle.



# Property Owner Responsibility- Austin Public Works

- Property owners are responsible for maintaining private trees and all other vegetation in the right of way next to their property. It is a violation of [City Code](#) (Chapter 10-5, Article 2, 10-5-21) to neglect overgrown vegetation and private trees that obstruct the right of way.

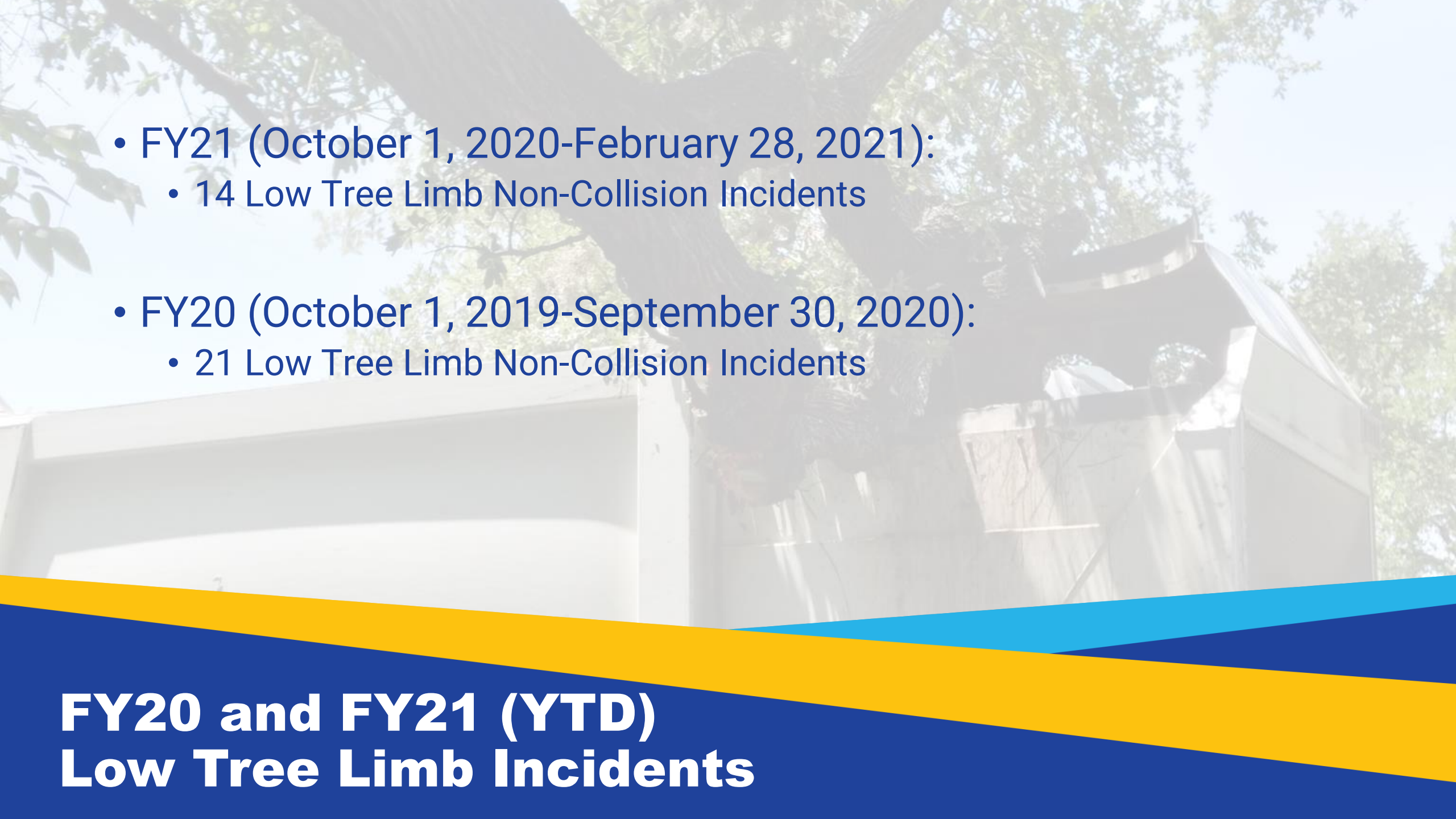
# If a low tree limb is contacted by an ARR Vehicle in the COA ROW:



- The Safety Team responds to the scene.
- Sends notification (phone/email) to Public Works.
- Public Works assigns a work order number to the job task, then provides the work order number to the Safety Team and an ETA when they will arrive to the scene.
- Safety stays at the scene until the low tree limb is serviced and disposed properly.

**If a Safety Member or an ARR Operator/Supervisor identifies a low tree limb in the COA ROW before it is contacted by an ARR Vehicle:**

- The Safety Team responds to the low tree limb
- Sends notification (phone/email) to Public Works
- Public Works assigns a work order number to the job task, then provides the work order number to the Safety Team and an ETA when they will service the address
- The Safety Team documents the low tree limb in a tracking log in SharePoint
  - The Safety Team conducts a low tree limb audit every month to verify what work orders have been completed by Public Works and what work orders have not been completed
  - Safety Team notifies Public Works what low tree limbs have not been completed yet.

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- FY21 (October 1, 2020-February 28, 2021):
    - 14 Low Tree Limb Non-Collision Incidents
  - FY20 (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020):
    - 21 Low Tree Limb Non-Collision Incidents

**FY20 and FY21 (YTD)  
Low Tree Limb Incidents**

1. Make sure specifications for equipment (height) are in compliance with canopy ordinance.
2. Created a Memo of Understanding with Public Works Forestry Division to provide tree trimming service to areas identified by ARR.
3. Communicate with homeowners/neighborhood associations as necessary regarding low limbs.

**Proactive Actions by  
Austin Resource Recovery**

# Questions

