

## DENVER GREENERY

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Some of the things I like best about Denver are the huge trees. On 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Monaco, the tree branches spread out over the roadways, meeting from each side so that they form a roof over the streets. This is different from the area in Texas I left in my move to Denver. Big trees are found all over the city and almost set the cultural patterns.

I notice that developers of new homes always plant trees in the new yards. That explains the presence of so many trees. It takes several years for a tree to grow to the immense size of trees found all over the city. Roots of these large trees grow so large that they are found solid above ground. I particularly like the large blue spruce trees used as focal points in private yards.

I live in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor apartment, with large windows facing the Rocky Mountains. In summer, when the leaves of nearby trees are in full bloom, my view of the mountains is reduced. But once the climate changes, the leaves are gone, I get a straight shot of the mountains. I miss the leaves but snow-capped mountains fill my heart 100%.