



Ten trees per year can be removed without a permit PROVIDED THAT the trees are less than 70 cm diameter and there will be 16 trees/acre (40 trees/ha) remaining on the property.

Tree Removal Permits are required for all other tree removals including private residential use, building construction purposes, and development activity; regardless of other permits that are in place.

PERMIT PROCESS:

1. Tree Cutting Permit application and fee is submitted to Planning Front Counter
2. City arborist conducts a site inspection to verify information on the permit and identify replacement tree requirements.
3. City staff contacts applicant if there is any discrepancy or additional requirements.
4. A Permit is issued for the removal of specific tree(s) on the property.
5. A sign must be posted on site 24 hours before, and during, the tree removal.
6. The applicant contacts the City when the work is complete; including planting of replacement trees.
7. City arborist conducts a final inspection to verify work was completed within Permit guidelines.
8. Tree Cutting Permits are valid for four months.

TREES FOR PERMIT:

1. Trees greater than 20 cm diameter at breast height (DBH); see over for how to measure.
2. On parcels smaller than 0.5 ha, (see Bulletin 2016-001-ENV);
3. Significant Trees (>70 cm DBH) can only be removed under specific circumstances, as described in Section 6.6 of the Bylaw.
4. Trees on or near property boundaries may require adjacent property owner consent for removal.
5. Trees along perimeters of property, and trees over 70 cm DBH are expected to be retained except under specific circumstances.
6. Hazard trees must be verified by City Arborist before permitted for removal.
7. Topping of trees is not permitted except in special circumstance and verified by City Arborist.
8. Trees of any size in Conservation Areas cannot be removed or pruned without a Permit.
9. Alders and Cottonwoods outside of Conservation Areas can be removed without permit provided that not more than 10 trees are removed, and that 16 trees/acre (40 trees/ha) will be retained.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

1. FEE of \$50 for first tree plus \$25 for each additional tree. For Development and large scale clearing the fee is \$200 base fee plus \$25 per tree. On farms with active farm status the fee is waived if tree removal is necessary for agricultural use.
2. Number, type, size and location of trees > 20 cm DBH to be removed.
3. Number, type, size and location of trees >20 cm DBH to be retained.
4. Tree Service Company that will be retained for removals. The tree company must have a current business license to work in the City of Maple Ridge.
5. If 11 – 20 trees will be cut an Arborist Report is required (see Bulletin 2016-004-ENV).

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6. If the property is subject to a development permit application and less than 20 trees will be cut, an Arborist Report is required (see Bulletin 2016-004-ENV).
7. If more than 20 trees will be cut, a Tree Management Plan is required (see Bulletin 2016-005-ENV).
8. If soils will be exposed in an area greater than 100 square meters as a result of tree removals, an Erosion and Sediment Control plan is required.

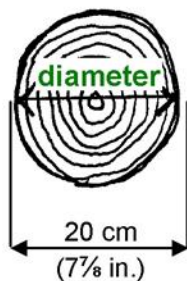
REPLACEMENT TREES:

Replacement Trees are required when the number of trees being retained on the property is less than 16 trees/acre (40 trees/ha) ratio; OR when the trees being removed are significant (>50 cm DBH).

1. Trees 20-50 cm DBH require 2 replacement trees.
2. Trees 50-70 cm DBH require 4 replacement trees.
3. Trees >70 cm DBH require 6 replacement trees.
4. Refundable security of \$600 is required for each replacement tree to be planted on site; returned to applicant after the tree has survived one year.
5. If replacement trees cannot be planted on site, cash-in-lieu of \$600 per replacement tree is required.
6. All replacement trees are protected under the Bylaw, no matter what size.

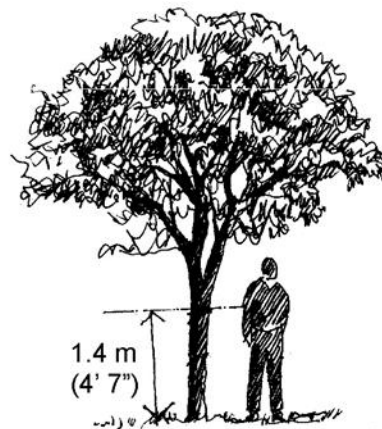
For more detailed information on replacement requirements see Bulletin 2016-007-ENV Replacement Requirements.

How to Measure Diameter



If you cannot measure diameter, then measure circumference in the following manner:

OR



A full version of the City of Maple Ridge Tree Protection and Management Bylaw is available at <https://www.mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/581>

For specific information regarding permit requirements, contact Gail Szostek at gyszostek@mapleridge.ca

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