

All construction activities, including demolition and new development, must be planned to protect and preserve healthy, existing trees to maintain the urban forest and tree canopy.

During construction and demolition:

- Trees must be protected from damage
- Healthy trees may not be removed unless a Tree Removal Permit is issued
- Removed trees typically require replacement trees to be planted

All trees 20 cm Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) or greater; any size Replacement Trees and any size of tree in a Conservation Area or City land, are protected by the bylaw and require:

- A [Tree Management Plan](#): whenever one (1) or more protected trees may have their Critical Root Zone (CRZ) impacted by the proposed work. Impacts may include excavation, access routes, utility installations, fencing, patios, decks, pools, and similar construction activities
- Exemption to Tree Management Plan/Arborist Report Requirement: Where the proposed construction will not impact trees on or adjacent to the lot, applicants may email Trees@MapleRidge.ca to request an exemption. A copy of the email confirming an exemption can be uploaded through the online portal where an arborist report is otherwise required

Once documents are submitted, the Urban Forestry team will review the application and determine applicable tree protection requirements, which may include:

- A [Tree Removal Permit](#) if protected trees are proposed for removal
- Replacement trees or cash-in-lieu for trees that are removed
- Securities for trees that will be protected and retained on the site
- [Tree protection barriers](#) for Retained Trees
- An [Arborist letter of assurance](#) for arborist supervision

A full version of the City of Maple Ridge Tree Protection and Management Bylaw is available at [Tree Protection & Management Bylaw No. 8045-2026](#).

For information regarding tree cutting permit requirements, contact the Facilities, Parks and Properties Department at Trees@MapleRidge.ca or call 604-467-7349. This information is provided for convenience only and is not a substitution of applicable City Bylaws, Provincial or Federal Codes or Laws. You must satisfy yourself that any existing or proposed construction or other works complies with such Bylaws, Codes or other laws.