

FAQ: Plant Life Encroachment from Public Property to Private Property

Q: Will the City of Maple Ridge control plant growth or undesirable vegetation encroaching from public property onto private property?

A: No, the City of Maple Ridge will not control plant growth encroaching from public property onto private property.

Q: Can I remove trees that are encroaching onto my property from public land?

A: No, tree removal on public land is not allowed. You may manage vegetation up to 1 metre from your property line, but trees must remain intact. Trees can be pruned and raised to a sufficient height.

Q: Can I clear more/farther than 1 metre away from my property line?

A: No, a 1-meter clearance is typically enough to create a buffer between your yard and the native vegetation. We find that 1 m is enough to minimize the amount of maintenance needed. It is also important to preserve native vegetation as much as possible.

Q: What types of vegetation management is permitted for property owners?

A: Property owners can trim, brush or prune vegetation that encroaches up to 1 metre from their property line (fence line). This includes cutting back branches, blackberries, grass, weeds and other plant growth, but does not include tree removal.

Q: Can I hire a professional to manage vegetation encroaching from public property onto my private property?

A: Yes, you can hire a professional to manage vegetation up to 1 metre from your property line. However, they must adhere to the city's regulations, which prohibit tree removal. It is recommended you hire a certified Arborist to attend to needed tree pruning work.

Q: What should I do if I notice invasive species or hazardous trees encroaching onto my property from public land?

A: If you notice invasive species such as Knotweed or hazardous trees encroaching onto your property, The City of Maple Ridge will assess the situation and take appropriate action.

Q: Will The City come and trim the branches of trees that are touching the electrical service lines that go to my house?

A: No, private property owners are responsible for maintaining the power lines that run to their house from the main source line. Please contact BC Hydro to discuss any concerns you have about vegetation around power lines.

If the lines are for other utilities, such as phone, cable or internet, please contact your respective service provider.

It is recommended that all tree trimming is done by a certified Arborist, especially when it comes to active power lines.

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