

Protecting and preserving our urban forest is a priority for the City of Maple Ridge.

The Tree Protection and Management Bylaw regulates and prohibits the removal and damage of trees.

Trees provide valuable benefits to residents including urban cooling, oxygen and air filtration, stormwater management, and wildlife habitat.

Learn about Maple Ridge's updated tree bylaw, including protected trees and when a permit is required.

About the Tree Bylaw

Maple Ridge Tree Protection and Management Bylaw

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To apply for a permit or for more information, visit the website below, email trees@MapleRidge.ca or call 604-467-7341.



Protected Trees

Protected Trees may not be removed or damaged without first obtaining a tree removal permit.

What is a Protected Tree?

- Any tree that is 20cm DBH* or larger
- Any tree on City property
- Replacement trees
- Tree required through development approvals
- Any tree located in a riparian or conservation area
- Any tree protected by covenant
- Any tree being used for nesting/habitat by raptors, osprey, or herons

If you are unsure if a tree is protected, please contact us at trees@MapleRidge.ca or 604-467-7341.

Tree permits are required to remove Protected Trees under most circumstances.

When Can a Protected Tree be Removed?

A protected tree may only be removed *with a tree permit* if:

- It is 1m from the foundation wall of a principal dwelling
- It is hazardous – confirmed with a tree risk assessment
- It is causing serious damage – verified by a qualified professional
- An approved development requires its removal
- Its removal is required for an approved home, road, utility, or septic field
- It interferes with approved farming uses
- It is severely diseased, damaged, or dying

Exceptions

Tree permits are NOT required for:

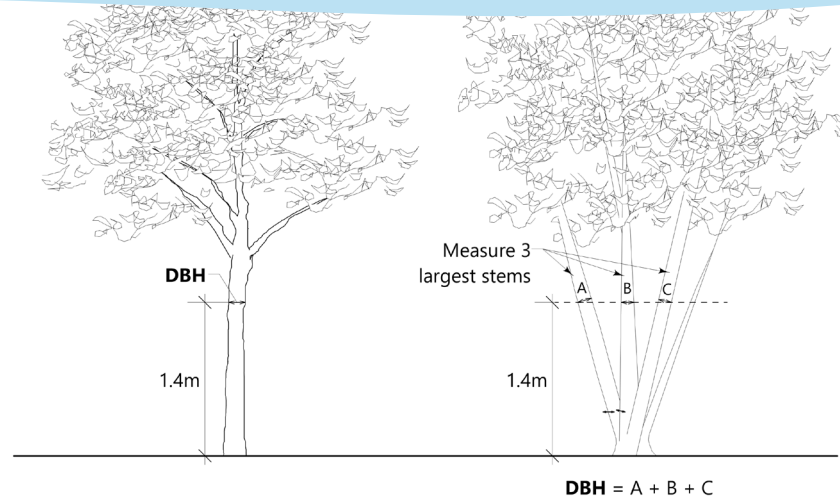
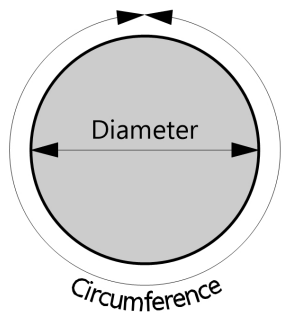
- Dead trees
- Farming uses
- Imminent tree failures

Please verify these situations with the City prior to removal.



Measure the DBH* of a Tree

Diameter = Circumference / 3.14



Replacement Trees

At least one new tree is typically required to be planted as a replacement tree when a tree is removed.

Enforcement

The City regularly enforces the requirements of the Tree Protection and Management Bylaw. If you're unclear about whether something is allowed within the tree bylaw, please ask prior to doing the work. See contact info below.

* Diameter at breast height