

WHAT IS THE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT PROCESS?

To apply for a permit, fill out and submit a completed application form (available at www.tigard-or.gov/trees), addressing all the relevant approval criteria and pay the applicable fee.

Permits can be approved by way of two processes: either by a staff process (for simple situations), or by a Tigard board or commission (for complex situations). Examples of simple and complex situations are included below. There is no fee when trees are removed for simple situations. In most cases, the decision is final and valid for up to one year. If you need assistance with the application process, contact the Community Development Department for help.

SIMPLE	COMPLEX
Examples	
<p>Trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In poor or hazardous condition • Considered a nuisance • Damaging structures or infrastructure • Preventing allowed development 	<p>Trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocking views or solar access • Not desirable due to species or personal preferences such as aesthetics or location
Process	
City staff review based on approval criteria in the Urban Forestry Manual	City board or commission uses discretion to weigh tree benefits and reasons for removal
Applicable Fee	
Free	\$307 per tree

For more information about tree removal permits, please visit www.tigard-or.gov/trees, or contact the Tigard Community Development Department at 503-718-2421.

The instructions contained within this brochure are not intended to replace the regulations found in the Community Development Code. Tree removal regulations may be found on the city website (www.tigard-or.gov/trees) or may be obtained at the Planning Counter.



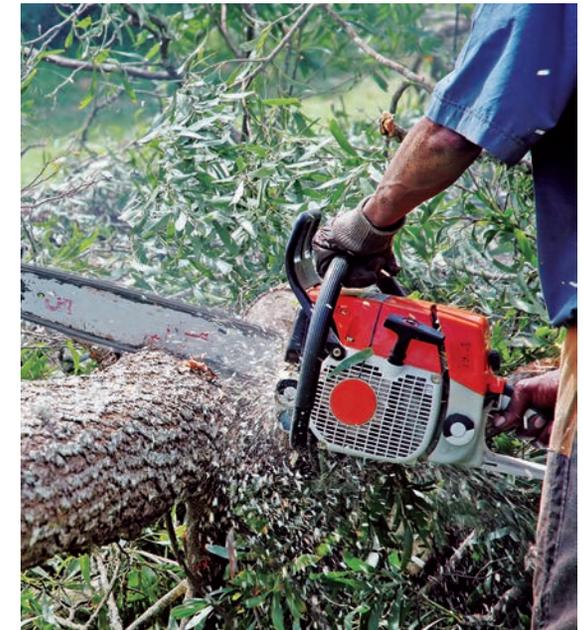
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Tree Removal Permits



The City of Tigard preserves and maintains the urban forest by reviewing tree removal permits for street and median trees, trees located in sensitive lands, Heritage Trees, trees planted using the Urban Forestry Fund and trees required with high-density residential and non-residential development.

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Though the city does not encourage removal of trees, sometimes it is necessary. This is especially true when trees are considered hazardous or in poor condition. If you are unsure of the condition of your tree, we recommend that you have a certified arborist take a look at it.

It is always a good idea to check with the city to see if a tree removal permit may be required. Visit www.tigard-or.gov/trees or contact the Tigard Community Development Department planner on duty at 503-718-2421.

WHEN IS A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT REQUIRED?

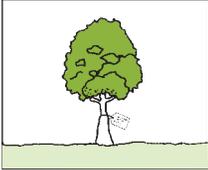
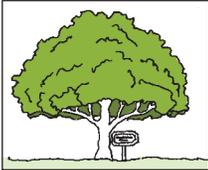
The chart on the right explains the six types of trees that require a permit for removal. In general, you may remove a tree *EXCEPT* when one of these situations exists.

REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Most of the time, trees are required to be replaced if removed. This is to ensure the sustainability of Tigard's urban forest. Replacement standards for each type of tree requiring a permit are included in the Urban Forestry Manual.

Are you in the process of developing or redeveloping your property?

Tree removal, planting or pruning during development are handled as part of the development permit process.

Type of Development	Type of Tree to be Removed	Urban Forestry Manual Section with Relevant Approval Criteria
All	 <p>Street Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees located near the street or in a landscaping strip in front of your house. 	Section 3
All	 <p>Median Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees in the median between opposing lanes of traffic. 	Section 5
All	 <p>Sensitive Lands Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees located in areas of steep slopes, flood plains, stream corridors, significant habitat areas or wetlands. Check Tigard Maps online at www.tigard-or.gov/maps to see if your property has sensitive lands. 	Section 6
All	 <p>Urban Forestry Fund Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees planted using the city's Urban Forestry Fund. 	Section 8
All	 <p>Heritage Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees designated as a Heritage Tree. 	Section 9
Multi-family, Commercial or Industrial	 <p>Development-required Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees required with the approval of multi-family, commercial or industrial development. 	Section 7