

Tree Protection Bylaw 1831-2009

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Property Owners and Residents

The City of Abbotsford has a bylaw in place to preserve the urban forest and tree canopy in Abbotsford.

Healthy, sustainable trees provide enormous benefits and a variety of vital services to our city, our citizens and to the natural environment. These diverse values include local climate moderation, storm-water management, erosion prevention, improved air quality, wildlife habitat and enhanced visual appeal.

Before cutting down or pruning more than 25% of the foliage of any trees greater than 20cm in diameter, it is important that you apply for a tree cutting permit and fully understand and abide by any associated requirements.

There is a fee for the cutting permit. The current fee is indicated on the tree cutting application form. Permits are valid one year from the date of issue.

## Permits **NOT REQUIRED** for:

- Cutting down trees within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Trees requiring a tree cutting permit may be subject to permit fees, security deposits and replacement trees. Tree ownership must be verified by the applicant prior to permit issuance.

To apply, visit us online at:

[abbotsford.ca/tree-cutting-application](http://abbotsford.ca/tree-cutting-application)



## For more information:

Urban Forestry

604.859.3134

[trees@abbotsford.ca](mailto:trees@abbotsford.ca)

## Replacement Tree Criteria:

- The Tree Protection Bylaw requires up to 3 replacement trees for each qualifying tree being removed.
- Refundable security deposits are collected by the City for each replacement tree. Trees on or near slopes or other environmentally sensitive areas may be subject to additional conditions.
- Each replacement tree must be planted in such a way that they can successfully grow to maturity without causing conflict.
- Deciduous replacement species require 6cm trunk caliper measured 15cm up from the base of the trunk.
- Coniferous replacement species need to be 3.0m tall from the base of the trunk.

Replacement tree security deposits could be forfeited if adequate replacement trees are not planted and inspected within one year of permit issuance. The City uses these funds to plant trees elsewhere in the community.

Please contact Urban Forestry at [trees@abbotsford.ca](mailto:trees@abbotsford.ca) for planting advice prior to purchasing replacement trees.

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20cm diameter (across) trunk measured 1.4m above ground

6cm caliper at 15cm above ground

