



# Urban Forest Bylaw

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## **Trees are part of Colwood's natural heritage and provide a wide range of benefits:**

- improve air and water quality
- prevent soil erosion and flooding
- provide shade
- reduce temperatures and conserve energy
- attract wildlife, birds and pollinators
- increase the value of property
- make the community more attractive
- promote health and well being

*Flip over for  
permit info*

## **What types of trees are protected?**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • <b>Arbutus</b>            | • <b>Douglas Fir</b>        |
| • <b>Garry Oak</b>          | • <b>Grand Fir</b>          |
| • <b>Pacific Dogwood</b>    | • <b>Big Leaf Maple</b>     |
| • <b>Pacific Yew</b>        | • <b>Western Red</b>        |
| 2m (6.5') tall OR           | 30cm (12") diameter or more |
| 4cm (1.5") diameter or more |                             |

- **Any tree more than 60 cm in diameter**
- **Wildlife habitat trees**
- **Trees retained or replaced as part of a previous tree management permit**
- **Trees in environmentally sensitive areas, by creeks or on steep slopes**
- **Properties in a development permit area**

**Contact [planning@colwood.ca](mailto:planning@colwood.ca) for details.**



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## Do I need a tree management permit?

If you would like to remove or significantly alter a protected tree you will need a permit.

*Flip over →  
for a list of  
protected trees*

## How much does a permit cost?

**To remove up to 5 trees:** The application fee and permit to remove one tree is \$75. Each additional tree is \$25. You will also need to plant one replacement tree for each tree removed.

**To remove more than 5 trees:** A security deposit is required in addition to the fees, and two replacement trees for each tree removed.

## How do I obtain a permit?

Complete and submit a Tree Management Permit Application Form, available at City Hall or at [www.colwood.ca/Trees](http://www.colwood.ca/Trees).

## Trees are being cut down in my neighbourhood. How can I check if the City permitted the work?

There is a list at [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca) showing properties where tree removal is planned in accordance with the Urban Forest Bylaw.

## Where can I get more information?

Call Colwood City Hall 250.478.5999 or visit [www.colwood.ca/Trees](http://www.colwood.ca/Trees).