



## **STREET TREE PERMIT APPLICATION (NON-REMOVAL) INSTRUCTIONS**

Need help? Visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees), email [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov), or call 503-823-TREE (8733)

### **When do I need to submit a Street Tree Permit Application (non-removal)?**

You will need to submit a Street Tree Permit Application (non-removal) when no development is occurring on-site and you want to do one or more of the following:

- Get a street tree health assessment and advice on how to care for the tree
- Plant a street tree
- Prune a street tree
- Prune a Heritage Tree in the right-of-way or on private property
- Pesticide application, cabling, bracing, or any other work on street trees (excluding attaching items to trees and tree removal—these actions require a separate application)

A **street tree** is any tree located in the City right-of-way, typically in the planting strip between the sidewalk and the curb. Unimproved right-of-ways that do not have a sidewalk and/or a curb may also contain street trees.

Health inspection, planting, pruning, and tree work permits are FREE and come with an on-site inspection by an Urban Forestry Tree Inspector.

You may be eligible for a self-issued online street tree pruning permit if the tree is located adjacent to a residential-zoned property. Learn more at [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/pruning](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/pruning).

**Tree removals require a separate application and fee.** The Tree Removal & Replanting Permit Application can be found at [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/removalpermits](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/removalpermits).

You can request a **street tree root pruning inspection** by calling Urban Forestry at 503-823-TREE (8733). Street tree root cutting permits are FREE.

**Attaching items to street trees requires a separate application and fee.** You can find the Street Tree Attachment Permit Application at [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/attachment](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/attachment).

### **Why does the City require permits for planting, pruning, and other tree work?**

Portland's tree code, Title 11 Trees, assigns the responsibility of care and maintenance of street trees to the adjacent property owner. Engaging property owners is essential to care for this valuable resource. Requiring permits helps the City:

- accurately answer property owner questions and concerns about their street trees
- engage with property owners about the importance of maintaining trees properly
- provide tree care information so tree health, form, and benefits are optimized
- ensure trees are planted and pruned properly so they survive and provide maximum benefits
- monitor citywide canopy levels more closely



## Street Tree Permit Application (non-removal) instructions

- 1) Fill out the attached application completely and legibly. All information is required. Incomplete applications will be subject to delay. There is no fee associated with this application.
- 2) Submit the completed application in **one** of the following ways:
  - by email to [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov)
  - by fax to 503-823-4493
  - by mail to Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry, 1900 SW 4th Ave. Suite 5000, Portland, OR 97201
  - in person at the Development Services Center (DSC), 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
    - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8a.m.–3p.m.; Thursdays 8a.m.–noon
    - Note: there may be a wait time at the DSC

## Permit process

1. Determine if a permit is required from Urban Forestry to perform the tree work.
2. Complete the Street Tree Permit Application (non-removal) and submit it to Urban Forestry.
3. An Urban Forestry Tree Inspector will conduct a site visit within 10 business days of receiving the completed application. To check the status of a permit application, visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/permits](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/permits). After inspecting the site, the Tree Inspector will contact the applicant.
4. Once receiving a permit, the applicant has 30 days to conduct the tree work.
5. **You must call the Oregon Utility Locate Hotline (811)** before starting any ground-disturbing activities, such as tree planting.



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PERMIT TYPE
<p><b>Check all that apply:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Street tree health inspection (describe concern): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Street tree planting permit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Street tree pruning permit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Tree pruning permit (check: <input type="checkbox"/> right-of-way <input type="checkbox"/> private property)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Street tree chemical application permit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other street tree permit (describe): _____</p>

STAFF USE ONLY
<p>Intake date: _____</p> <p>IVR #: _____</p>

APPLICANT INFORMATION
<p><b>Property Owner</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Mailing address _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
<p><b>Applicant</b> <input type="checkbox"/> property owner <input type="checkbox"/> contractor <input type="checkbox"/> property manager <input type="checkbox"/> other _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Company _____</p> <p>Mailing address _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
<p><b>Who will perform the work</b> (if applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> property owner <input type="checkbox"/> applicant <input type="checkbox"/> other _____</p>

SITE INFORMATION
<p>Are all the trees at the same site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b><i>If no, the supplemental page is required</i></b></p> <p>If yes, write the address: _____</p> <p>Location notes: _____</p> <p>_____</p>



