

# Thinking about removing or pruning a tree?

Updated tree rules are in effect for properties across the city.

**STREET TREES** - Tree removal, planting and most tree maintenance in a curb or planting strip requires a permit. Planting and pruning permits are free.

**YARD TREES** - Removal of large yard trees requires a permit. Zoning restrictions may exist for tree removal, depending on where you live.

**REPLANTING** - Planting new trees is often required when a tree is cut so that future generations can enjoy the benefits of our urban forest. A mitigation fee may be required if replanting is not feasible.

**DEVELOPMENT** - Tree rules and permitting requirements apply to both construction and non-construction situations.

**PUBLIC SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST** - Any tree that becomes dangerous will be permitted for removal. Call 503-823-TREE (8733) 24 hours a day if there's a street tree emergency in your neighborhood.

**ENHANCING OUR URBAN FOREST** - The City's trees and the urban forest are continually growing and changing. Portland's tree rules help improve the forest, maintain our heritage and increase the benefits trees provide all Portlanders. The rules also help parts of Portland with fewer trees. Fees collected will fund tree plantings in places where they are needed.

Call  
before  
you cut



*We're here to help*

Knowledgeable city staff are ready to help. Contact us to learn if you need a permit and find other tree resources.

Visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees)

Email [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov)

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# Trees help make Portland, well, Portland

Trees help make our neighborhoods green and livable.

## BENEFITS OF PORTLAND'S TREES

- Mature trees improve property values, the health of commercial districts and lead to lower crime rates.
- Trees help improve people's mental and physical health and lead to better birth outcomes.
- Trees reduce erosion and landslides, improve air and water quality, cool our streets and trap carbon.
- Trees provide food for people and habitat for birds and other wildlife.
- Trees in the city increase privacy and help abate noise.
- Trees also provide many aesthetic benefits that make the otherwise gray infrastructure and densely populated conditions of the urban environment a beautiful place to live.



## Additional tree resources

Visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees), write to [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov), or call **503-823-TREE (8733)** to:

- Request a free street tree health inspection
- Check a permit status
- Find approved street tree planting lists and identify nuisance trees
- Find local tree care providers
- Learn about building and development permits
- Learn more about trees and get involved with the City's tree partners

