

City of Tukwila

New Tree Regulations For Homeowners

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Did you know that you live in a forest? The trees lining Tukwila’s streets, in parks and your yard, on the City’s hillsides and on both public and private property, are part of the community forest all around us. Like all forests, these trees support wildlife, clean the air, help with stormwater, add remarkable beauty, and contribute to our quality of life.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The City has adopted new rules on the number of trees that can be removed over a 36-month period from a single family home property. **Before you proceed with the removal of any tree 6 inches or larger, information provided through a Tree Inventory Form or a formal Tree Removal Permit IS REQUIRED.**

The chart below identifies the number of trees that can be cut down before more trees must be planted. Call 206-431-3670 and talk to a planner about how the new rules may apply to your property, or visit the Permit Center at 6300 Southcenter Blvd. to speak to a planner in person.

If a tree is located in or near a sensitive area (river shoreline, stream, wetland, steep slope) alternative regulations apply. Please contact the DCD for more info.

Proper tree pruning techniques and how to recognize tree defects can be found on the City’s website:

www.tukwilawa.gov/departments/community-development/urban-forestry/

TREE SIZE (DIAMETER @ BREAST HT)	# OF TREES THAT CAN BE REMOVED IN A 36- MONTH PERIOD WITHOUT REPLACEMENT
6-8"	4
OR	
8-18"	2
OR	
>18"	1



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