



TREE PRESERVATION SUMMARY

Trees Exempt from Regulations: any tree under six (6) inches caliper or those included on the following list, regardless of the size:

1. Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
2. Cottonwood (*Populus freemontii*)
3. Native alder (Native *Alnus* only)
4. Native willow (Native *Salix* only)
5. Lombardy poplar (*Populus nigra*)

Retention of Significant Trees:

No person, corporation, agency or other entity shall remove any significant or heritage tree, without first obtaining a tree removal permit. A permit is not required for the following situations:

Exemptions:

1. Emergency removal of any hazardous tree necessary to remedy an immediate threat to persons or property
2. Removal of trees within or adjacent to public ROW or easements, at the direction of the City, for the protection of public safety (such as obstructions inhibiting visibility at intersections)
3. Removal of obviously dead or diseased trees
4. Removal of no more than six (6) trees in any thirty-six (36) consecutive months, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. there is no current application for construction or development on the subject site
 - b. the tree is not within an easement protecting a regulated critical area, designated primary or secondary open space, or a required buffer area
 - c. the tree is not one of the last two significant trees on the property
5. The removal of trees for the construction of a new or addition to an existing single family dwelling or duplex, where the trees are located less than ten (10) feet from the building exterior walls, driveways, or utilities
6. Trees that have been grown for the purpose of sales of Christmas trees or commercial landscaping materials by commercial nurseries and tree farms
7. Harvesting with a Class II or Class III forest practices permit issued by Washington State Dept of Natural Resources under RCW 76.09.050. Provided that, the City shall not accept and/or issue any land use or building permit for six years from the date of approval of a Class II or Class III forest practices permit.

Tree Removal Permits

A permit is required for the removal of trees that are otherwise not exempted as noted above. A Level 1 or Level 2 tree plan shall be submitted as part of a permit application for tree removal. See the Tree Removal Submittal Requirements for details.