



## TREE REMOVAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

A permit is required for the removal of trees per the Tree Preservation Chapter of the Black Diamond Municipal Code (19.30). A tree plan, meeting the following requirements and standards, shall be submitted as part of a permit application for tree removal. There are two tree plan classifications. Please select the one that best fits your project.

✓ **LEVEL I TREE PLAN:** required for changes to existing development, including all residential, commercial, industrial or institutional sites that involve a land disturbance or expansion of buildings or parking.

- Planning Permit Master Application
- 2 Sets of Drawings. Plans shall include:
  - a. All proposed development of structures, parking, driveways, roadways, lanes, sidewalks and pathways, and retaining walls
  - b. All significant trees located within the property
  - c. Planting plan including location, species, and size of new trees to be planted.
    - i. Replacement trees shall be planted on the site from which significant trees are removed or, if impractical, an off-site location determined by the City.
    - ii. Significant trees must be replaced with an equivalent number of trees based on Diameter or Breast Height (DBH). See Chart below.
    - iii. New trees shall meet or exceed current American Nursery and Landscape Association or equivalent organization's standards for nursery stock
    - iv. New trees shall be planted in locations appropriate to the species growth habit and horticulture requirements.
    - v. New trees must be located away from areas where damage is likely.
    - vi. Deciduous replacement trees shall be a minimum of three (3) inch in caliper (DBH), evergreen trees must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet in height.
- \$250 Permit Fee

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✓ **LEVEL II TREE PLAN:** required for new development, including residential, commercial, industrial or institutional developments that involve land disturbance, parking areas, roads, buildings, or other construction. The tree plan must be completed by a professional forester, certified arborist, or landscape architect.

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  - d. Description of off-site trees that could be affected by proposed activity.
- \$500 Permit Fee

Size of Tree Removed (DBH)	Number of Replacement Trees Req'd
6"-9"	3
9"-12"	4
12"-16"	5
>16"	6

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

-In lieu of onsite tree replacement, an applicant may pay a flat fee of \$50 per each tree removed into the significant tree removal replacement fund. These funds will be utilized in replanting projects throughout the City.

-When at least forty percent (40%) of the total site area is preserved as non-disturbed open space, critical areas and their associated buffers, or other areas subject to a conservation easement, the tree replacement requirement shall not apply. *(Additionally the Natural Resources Director shall require the retention of significant trees in areas that will be located in public right of way, landscaping or open space used by the public or owned/controlled by an association, unless the Director determines it would interfere with construction of needed infrastructure).*

-For the definitions of a significant tree or to determine if your tree removal is exempt, please review the Tree Preservation Summary document available in our office or on the City Website.