

Tree Replacement Requirements based on lot size and existing trees

Lot Size (m ²)	Number of trees greater than 20cm stem diameter remaining on the lot after tree removal	Maximum number of required replacement trees
Less than 250m ²	0	1 Class A or 1 Class B or 1 Class C
	1 or more	None
250m ² - 500m ²	0	2 Class A or 3 Class B or 4 Class C
	1 or more	None
501m ² - 750m ²	0	4 Class A or 6 Class B or 8 Class C
	1	2 Class A or 3 Class B or 4 Class C
	2 or more	None
751m ² - 1000m ²	0	6 Class A or 9 Class B or 12 Class C
	1	4 Class A or 6 Class B or 8 Class C
	2	2 Class A or 3 Class B or 4 Class C
	3 or more	None
1001m ² - 1250m ²	0	8 Class A or 12 Class B or 16 Class C
	1	6 Class A or 9 Class B or 12 Class C
	2	4 Class A or 6 Class B or 8 Class C
	3	2 Class A or 3 Class B or 4 Class C
	4 or more	None
Over 1250m ²	1 tree every 250m ²	None
	Less than 1 tree every 250m ²	1 Class A every 125m ² or 1 Class B every 85m ² or 1 Class C every 65m ²

Please contact the City Arborist at 604-927-3482 if you do not know your lot size.

Example 1: A single-family 700m² lot has twelve protected trees that are growing in a hedge formation along the property lines. The trees are in poor condition and the property owner wishes to remove all but one tree. Since each property owner is granted two exempted trees per year, the owner will require a permit to remove the remaining nine trees and will replant with either 2 Class A trees or 3 Class B trees or 4 Class C trees. A \$600 tree replacement security deposit is required, most of which (90%) is returned when the trees are planted.

Example 2: A 500m² lot has three protected trees on it and the property owner wishes to remove two of them. Since each property owner is granted two exempted trees per year, the owner will not require a permit to remove the trees and are not required to replant any trees.

Example 3: A 500m² lot has four protected trees on it and the property owner wishes to remove three of them. Since each property owner is granted two exempted trees per year, the owner will require a permit to remove the one remaining tree, but is not required to replant any trees.

Under the Bylaw "Protected Tree" means:

a living, erect, woody plant that is 20cm or more in diameter measured 1.4m from the base of the tree stem, or a tree planted as a replacement tree as a requirement of a Tree Cutting Permit or other development permit. There are also some other trees that are always protected, such as trees of any size growing on a slope and those growing in streamside protection and enhancement areas."