

Residential Tree Cutting Permit Application



Tree Protection Bylaw, 2006, No. 16100

Residents wanting to remove a tree from their property must have a valid tree cutting permit. Permits must be posted on-site before the tree is removed.

WHEN DO I NEED A TREE CUTTING PERMIT?

A tree cutting permit is required for all trees protected by the City's Tree Protection Bylaw.

Protected trees are defined as:

1. Trees greater than 30cm diameter at breast height
2. Trees of any size that:
 - a. Were planted as a replacement tree
 - b. Are located within an Environmentally Sensitive Area
 - c. Are listed as a Significant or Heritage Tree in the Tree Protection Bylaw
 - d. Are being used by a raptor, heron or osprey
 - e. Are one of the following: Arbutus, Garry Oak, Coast redwood, Dawn redwood, Giant redwood or Gingko
3. Any tree located on City Property

HOW TO SUBMIT A TREE CUTTING APPLICATION:

1. Fill out a tree cutting permit application.

www.surrey.ca/files/TreeCuttingPermitApplicationformedit.pdf

2. Submit completed applications:

Email: treebylaw@surrey.ca

In person:

2nd Floor Reception | City Hall | 13450 104 Ave, Surrey, BC

Surrey's Trees and Landscape Section:
604-591-4675
Treebylaw@surrey.ca | surrey.ca/community

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR A TREE CUTTING PERMIT?

- Address where the tree is located
- Description of the tree
- Reason for removal
- Three (3) photos of the tree
- Aerial photo or sketch showing the tree's location on the property
- Applicants contact information (phone and email)
- Signature of the registered owner of the property where the tree is located

Note: An Arborist Report is required for any Tree Cutting Permit Applications for five (5) or more trees

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STRATAS:

Strata's must show that the applicant has permission to apply for a tree cutting permit. This can be by:

1. Written authorization from the Strata Council or Management Company
2. Minutes from Strata meetings

WHAT IF THE TREE IS SHARED WITH MY NEIGHBOUR?

Shared trees are defined as any tree that touches two or more properties. Permission must be given by all owners of the tree before a permit can be issued.

If you would like to remove a shared tree you must submit a tree cutting permit application from each of the owners of the tree.

WHAT IF THE TREE IS HAZARDOUS?

All trees removed from private property must have a valid tree cutting permit. This includes hazardous trees. If you think your tree is hazardous you should submit a signed tree cutting permit application.