BENEFITS of trees?

Create shade and privacy
Conserve energy (heating and cooling)
Absorb sound and filter airborne pollutants
Help control erosion and stormwater runoff
Help mitigate climate change
Connect us to nature and create a sense of calm and well-being
Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

What are the BENEFITS of trees?

Port Coquitlam adopted new tree regulations in February 2019, following two years of extensive consultation with the community and stakeholders.

The updated regulations ensure that the City maintains a healthy urban forest while providing flexibility to property owners.

GOT QUESTIONS?

START HERE
portcoquitlam.ca/trees – a comprehensive source of tree management and bylaw information, with links to the application form.

TREE BYLAW SPECIFICS
Contact Public Works at 604.927.5496 or publicworks@portcoquitlam.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
Contact trees@portcoquitlam.ca

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

Protecting our Trees in Port Coquitlam

portcoquitlam.ca/trees
### ABOUT THE TREE REGULATIONS

Port Coquitlam’s tree regulations are one of the City’s most effective tools to manage the community’s trees. The new regulations:

- **Require a permit prior to the removal of trees of a certain size**, as well as replacement trees to be planted. *Fees and replanting are waived in some circumstances, such as the removal of hazardous trees.*

- **Prohibit activities that harm trees**, including building on or driving over roots, damaging the trunk or bark, placing harmful materials near roots, or tree topping.

- **Include special protection for significant trees**, including large trees (60cm in diameter), locally rare species identified in the bylaw, heritage trees, unique specimens, or dead standing trees used by wildlife.

### A permit is REQUIRED to:

- Cut, remove or damage a tree at least 5 m tall OR wider than 15 cm across measured 1.4 m above the ground (10 cm across for some significant trees).
- Remove a tree that is hazardous or dead.

### A permit is NOT REQUIRED to:

- Prune/remove dead or dying branches or a dead or broken stem of a multi-stemmed tree.

### FEES: Permits are $100 (fee waived if dead or hazardous).

### REPLANTING: One tree must now be planted for each tree cut (two if tree was significant). Replacement is not required if the trunk is within 5 m of the trunk of retained tree.

### DO I NEED A TREE PERMIT?

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**Permit is required but fee waived; regular replanting rules apply.**

Now includes trees wider than 60 cm across, dead standing trees used by wildlife, heritage trees (due to size, age or cultural significance) and some locally rare species over 10cm across.

**DPAs include commercial, industrial, comprehensive development and intensive residential zones (small-lot residential, duplex, townhouse, rowhouse and apartment).**