



Tree Permit Guide for Development Applications

*This guide supplements the
[Residential Tree Permit Guide](#).*

*If you are developing land in North
Saanich, the Tree Protection Bylaw
may apply.*



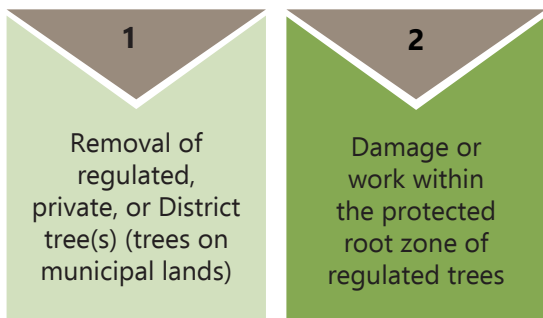
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When do I need a tree permit?

A tree permit is required to remove, cut or damage any trees regulated by the District's Tree Protection Bylaw [Tree Protection Bylaw No. 1548](#).

In the context of developing your property, this may include:



When planning to develop, you should consider opportunities to retain healthy regulated trees to the extent possible. It is recommended that an ISA certified arborist be involved in the project at the planning & design phase.

What information is required for a tree permit related to development?

In addition to the [tree permit application form](#), the District may require that you provide the following information:

- » Arborist Report
- » Tree Survey
- » Tree Management Plan
- » Tree Replacement Plan
- » Reports from other Qualified Professionals



What needs to be in place before my tree permit is issued?

» Tree protection:

- The installation of tree protection barriers if you are planning to work near regulated trees. You may be required to provide written confirmation and photos to confirm tree protection has been installed.
- A refundable tree protection security deposit for the regulated trees being retained near your construction work.

» Replacement trees:

- You may be required to plant replacement trees and provide a refundable security deposit or pay a cash-in-lieu if:
- You remove a:
 - ◇ Significant tree
 - ◇ Tree growing in an environmental or steep slope Development Permit Area
 - ◇ Municipal tree
- Your property does not meet the tree minimum target after your tree removal(s)
- You are applying for a tree permit associated with a subdivision application. Each lot will be required to achieve a tree minimum target of 50 trees per hectares (20 trees per acre) after the subdivision. You can achieve the tree minimum target by:
 - ◇ Retaining suitable trees
 - ◇ Planting replacement trees



Permit Fees & Securities

Permit Fees

Permit fees will be determined during the review of your application. The District's [Fees and Charges Bylaw](#) outlines the associated costs for tree permit applications.

Securities

Securities will be determined during the review of your application. The District's [Tree Protection Bylaw](#) outlines the associated securities for tree retention.

