



HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO OLYMPIA'S TREE, SOIL AND NATIVE VEGETATION PROTECTION AND REPLACEMENT ORDINANCE OMC 16.60

This Applies To: Developed Single Family Property and Properties Less than 2 Acres

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Do I need a permit to remove a tree from my property?

*See the Tree Permit Flow Chart at <http://olympiawa.gov/city-services/urban-forestry.aspx>

What is the minimum number of tree units I must maintain on my property?

You are required to maintain:

- The equivalent of 30 tree units per acre, **or** see chart below

Lot Size in Square Feet	Required Number of Planted Trees
0 – 2,000 sq. ft.	1 tree unit
2,001 - 3,600 sq. ft.	2 tree units
3,601 - 5,000 sq. ft.	3 tree units
5,001 - 6,500 sq. ft.	4 tree units
6,501 - 8,000 sq. ft.	5 tree units
8,001 - 9,500 sq. ft.	6 tree units

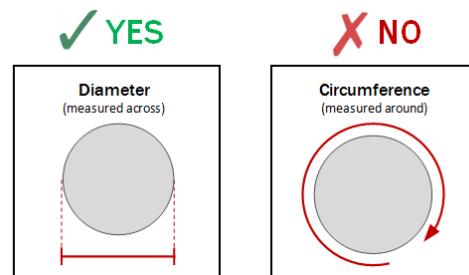
Do I need a permit to remove a tree within the planting strip along the roadway?

A permit is required to remove, prune or replace street trees along the roadway.

*Contact the Community Planning and Development Department (360-753-8314) or cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us to determine if property is within a critical area.

How do I measure a tree?

Measure the diameter of each tree at 4.5 feet above the ground. This is called the diameter at breast height (DBH) and it is measured in inches.



Can I count my existing tree units toward this minimum?

Yes. The following chart shows the value of existing trees in equivalent number of tree units:

Existing Tree Trunk Diameter	Equivalent Number of Planted Tree units
1-6"	1
6-12"	1 ½
14"	2
16"	3
18"	4
20"	5
22"	6
24"	7
26"	8
28"	9
30"	10
32"	11
34"	12
36"	13

If I am going to remove more trees than allowed, and drop below the minimum requirements, what do I do?

You will need to apply for a tree permit at <https://ci-olympia-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>. You will need the following to apply:

1. Prepare a map of your property and include the following information:
 - Show the outline of your property, and the approximate location of your house, driveway, street and any other improvements.
 - Show the approximate locations of trees to be removed, saved and/or planted
 - Indicate the approximate size and species of trees to be removed, saved and/or planted.
2. The permit fee is \$50.00, payable online at: <https://ci-olympia-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>
3. Plant the required number of tree units to meet your minimum tree density.

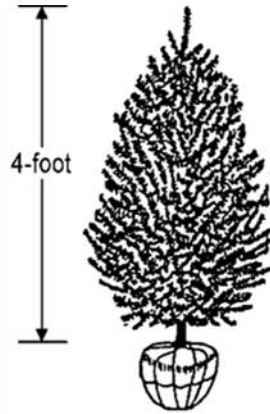
Do I have to plant back any certain type of tree?

Contact Community Planning and Development Department at 601 4th Avenue East or cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us for a list of prohibited trees.

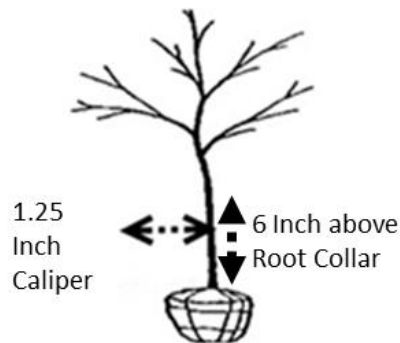
For residential property owners located within a Homeowners' Association, contact the Association President for CCRs Plat information to determine tree maintenance limitations.

Is there a minimum size tree that I have to plant back?

Yes. Trees to be planted must meet the following size specifications.



Conifer-4 Foot Tall Minimum *



Deciduous 1.25 Inch Caliper, Single Stem *

* Drawings not to scale