



TREE PRESERVATION SUMMARY

Trees Exempt from Regulations: any tree under six (6) inches diameter at breast height or those included on the following list, regardless of the size:

1. Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
2. Cottonwood (*Populus freemontii*)
3. Native alder (Native *Alnus* only)
4. Native willow (Native *Salix* only)
5. Lombardy poplar (*Populus nigra*)

Retention of Significant Trees:

No person, corporation, agency or other entity shall remove any significant or heritage tree, without first obtaining a tree removal permit. A permit is not required for the following situations:

Exemptions:

1. Emergency removal of any hazardous tree necessary to remedy an immediate threat to persons or property
2. Removal of trees within or adjacent to public ROW or easements, at the direction of the City, for the protection of public safety (such as obstructions inhibiting visibility at intersections) or for the improvement of the public rights-of-way or easements.
3. Removal of obviously dead or diseased trees. Prior to removal the owner shall file an exemption application for tree removal with the Community Development Department. If conflict arises regarding the condition or health of the tree the City can require the applicant to submit a certified arborist's report to the City at the applicant's expense.
4. Removal of no more than six (6) trees under (16) inches in diameter at breast height, in any thirty-six (36) consecutive months, subject to the following conditions. The owner shall file an exemption application for tree removal with the Community Development Department.
 - a. there is no current application for construction or development on the subject site
 - b. the tree is not within an easement protecting a regulated critical area, designated primary or secondary open space, or a required buffer area
 - c. at least two significant trees must remain on each lot
 - d. Removal of the trees will not reduce the density of significant trees on the lot below the density approved as part of the landscape plan pursuant to BDMC 19.30.060(C)
5. Trees that have been grown for the purpose of sales of Christmas trees or commercial landscaping materials by commercial nurseries and tree farms
6. Harvesting with a Class II or Class III or Class IV forest practices permit issued by Washington State Dept of Natural Resources under RCW 76.09.050. Provided that, land use and building permits may be denied in accordance with RCW Ch.

76.09 for six years from the date of approval of a Class II or Class III or Class IV forest practices permit.

Tree Removal Permits

A permit is required for the removal of trees that are otherwise not exempted as noted above. A Level 1 or Level 2 tree plan shall be submitted as part of a permit application for tree removal. See the Tree Removal Submittal Requirements for details.