



Lake Forest Park 2017 Tree Removal and Replacement Regulations Overview

What types of trees require a permit to remove?

- Any tree in an environmentally critical area or tree conservation easement (TCE)
- Any tree over six inches in diameter (outside of a critical area or TCE)
- Any tree that has been planted as a replacement tree for a previous permit

What types of trees are not allowed to be removed (even with a permit)?

- Exceptional Trees. Trees must meet a size threshold (see page 7 and 8 of the full regulations document) and also be Viable*
- Viable* Trees in a tree conservation easement
- Trees in Environmentally Critical Areas that are low-risk or moderate risk with less than significant consequences, as determined by an ISA-certified risk assessor.

How is Replacement Determined?

- For Minor Permits, at least one tree must be replaced for each tree removed, and the total canopy coverage replaced must be equal to or greater than the canopy coverage removed.
- For Major Permits, the City Arborist does an assessment of the lot's total canopy coverage. If tree removal causes the lot to fall below its canopy coverage goal, the applicant must replace trees to bring the property back up to the canopy coverage goal. If the lot is below the goal prior to tree removal, the applicant must replace trees to reach the canopy level that existed prior to removal.
- If tree removal causes canopy to fall below the goal, the applicant must record the tree permit conditions with King County.



*A tree that is low-risk, in good health, windfirm, suitable for its location, and worthy of long-term retention.

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