



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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STREET TREE PERMIT APPLICATION

Call before you dig: 1-800-424-5555

A Street Tree Permit is required anytime trees within the City's street right-of-way are planted, removed, or maintained (including pruning). Street trees are a community asset – they beautify City streets, provide shade, and help remove greenhouse gases from the air. Enumclaw's Street Tree Permit ensures that trees are planted in appropriate places, and that existing trees are treated properly. To apply for a permit, complete the attached form and return it to the address above. Following submittal of the form, a member of the planning staff will drive by your property to look at the trees/planting site in question, and will review the city's utility maps to make sure that no underground utilities are in the area. The planner may call or email you to offer advice on alternative tree species if the planting space or utilities wires are problematic. (Please take a look at the list of recommended trees on the next page.) The planner will complete the form to indicate approval or disapproval of the proposed activity, and will return the signed form to you. Once you have received written approval from the City, you may begin your work. If planting or removing roots, you are responsible for calling the "Call Before You Dig" number (1-800-424-5555). There is no fee for this permit.

Frequently asked Questions:

When is a tree permit required? Whenever a tree on City property (which includes the street right-of-ways) is proposed to be planted, removed, pruned, or otherwise maintained.

Are there any exceptions? Yes. Any tree on the City's "prohibited tree" list (see attached) may be removed from the public street right-of-way without a permit.

Who is responsible for maintaining trees in the public right-of-way. Unfortunately, the City does not have the funds available to hire a City arborist, so the responsibility for maintaining trees within the street right-of-way falls to the abutting private property owners.

Where should trees be planted? Trees must be planted to avoid overhead and underground wires. They cannot impede sidewalks and must be planted at least 20' from street corners in order to provide adequate vision clearance for automobiles. Spacing requirements are on file in the Community Development Department.

Is topping allowed? No, not for any tree on public property. Topping weakens the tree and encourages fast regrowth of the topped stem (which defeats the purpose of topping the tree in the first place.)

Other questions? Please contact the Community Development Department (825-3593)

City of Enumclaw Street Tree List

The City is in the process of updating its recommended street tree list. When finalized, the list will likely contain the following categories: Prohibited trees, Trees Recommended for Small Spaces/Under Wires, Medium Sized Street Trees, Large Boulevard Trees. At this time, we can provide partial lists of trees within a couple of categories (below). Also, we are happy to provide you with suggestions of trees appropriate to your planting space. Just give us a call at 825-3593.

Prohibited Trees:

Red Alder	Bigleaf Maple	Black Locust	Cottonwood
Lombardy Poplar	Oregon Maple	Silver Maple	

Non-Recommended Trees

Trees with messy fruit/nuts (beware of apples, fruit-bearing cherries, fruit-bearing pears, etc.)
 Large native evergreens (Douglas-fir, Western red cedar, Western hemlock, etc.)
 Trees very prone to disease (such as American elm, American chestnut, etc.)
 Trees with drooping branches which may interfere with sidewalks (such as Pin Oak, etc.)
 Trees with thorns (some Hawthornes)

Trees Recommended for Small Spaces/Under Wires (flowering/deciduous):

Serviceberry - suggested cultivars are:

Amelanchier canadensis 'Sprizam' (Spring Glory Serviceberry)
Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Robin Hill' tree form

Kousa Dogwood - suggested cultivars are:

Cornus Kousa tree form
Cornus Kousa 'Glazam' (Galilean Kousa Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa 'Milky Way' (Milky Way Kousa Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa 'Propzam' (Prophet Kousa Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa 'Samzam' (Samaritan Kousa Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa 'Satomi' (Satomi Kousa Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa 'Milky Way' (Milky Way Kousa Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa x C. florida 'Rutdan' (Celestial Dogwood)
Cornus Kousa x C. florida 'Rutcan' (Constellation Dogwood)
Cornus racemosa 'Cuyzam' (Cuyahoga Gray Dogwood)
Cornus racemosa 'Ottzam' (Ottawa Gray Dogwood)

Hawthorne - suggested cultivars are:

Crataegus crus-galli var. *inermis* tree form (Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn)
Crataegus laevigata 'Superba' tree form (Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn)

Star Magnolia - *Magnolia stellata* tree form

Callery Pear (ornamental pear) - suggested cultivars are:

Pyrus calleryana 'Jaczam' (Jack Callery Pear)
Pyrus calleryana 'Jilzam' (Jill Callery Pear)

Crabapples - there are many good ones that stay fairly small. Ask your nurseryman for advice.

Complete the following information and provide this form to the Community Development Department at 1309 Myrtle Avenue, Enumclaw, 98022

I. Applicant information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and email: _____

Signature and submittal date: _____

II. Type of Activity	Tree Species	# of Trees
Planting	_____	_____
Removal	_____	_____
Maintenance	_____	_____

III. Location of Trees

Either provide a dimensioned diagram (showing streets, sidewalks, and tree locations) or precisely describe where the trees (or planting spots) are located.

IV. Name of Person/Company Performing the Work

Name / Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

To be completed by City of Enumclaw Community Development Department

Indicate approval or disapproval, reasons for disapproval, conditions of approval:

Planner's signature

Date

Distribution list: applicant, address file, correspondence file, street tree application folder