



STREET TREE PERMIT APPLICATION

A no fee Street Tree Permit is required anytime trees within the City’s street right-of-way are planted or removed. Routine care, maintenance, or stump removal does not require a permit. Street trees are a community asset – they beautify City streets, provide shade, and reduce air pollution. Enumclaw’s Street Tree Permit ensures that trees are planted in appropriate places, and that existing trees are maintained properly.

- To apply for a permit, complete this form and submit with information to the Community Development Department (hard copy or submit digital copy to general permitting email above).
- After submitting a complete application, Planning staff will review the request, location of work, and utility maps.
- Staff may contact you to discuss tree species options if the planting location or utilities wires are problematic (see list of recommended trees in this application).
- Staff will notify you of approval or disapproval of the request. Approval must be obtained prior to starting work.
- Before digging, you must call the “Call Before You Dig” number in advance: **(811 or 1-800-424 5555)**.

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 or clear, aerial map** (showing streets, sidewalks, and tree locations) and briefly describe where the trees (or planting spots) are located, and if replacement trees will be replanted. A separate sheet may be provided for this purpose.

IV. Name of Person/Company Performing the Work

Name / Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

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 or removed.

Who is responsible for maintaining trees in the public right-of-way? 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 feet from street corners to provide adequate vision clearance for automobiles. Trees should also avoid being planted above utility mains and near water meters.

What is the street tree code? Enumclaw Municipal Code, *Chapter 12.21 – Street Trees*

Is topping allowed? No, not for any tree on public property. Topping weakens and damages the tree. However, trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical may be exempted from this chapter at the determination of the municipal arborist.

Other questions? Please contact the Community Development Department at 360-825-3593, or by email: Permits@ci.enumclaw.wa.us

City of Enumclaw Street Tree Information - Enumclaw Municipal Code – Chapter 12.21

Prohibited Trees

Alder
Bigleaf maple
Black locust
Cottonwoods
Lombardy poplar
Oregon maple
Silver maple

Non-recommended Street Trees

Apples (fruiting apples)
Ash (Mountain ash)
Birch (White birch, etc.)
Cherries (fruiting cherries)
Elm (American elm, etc.)
Hawthorn
London Plane
Oak (Pin oak)
Pagoda tree
Pears (fruiting pears)

Plums (fruiting plums)

Poplars

Sycamore

Walnut (Black walnut, etc.)

Recommended Small or Narrow Street Trees (minimum spacing: 20 feet)

Ash (flowering ash)

Cherry (Autumnalis cherry, etc.)

Laurel (California laurel)

Magnolia (Evergreen magnolia)

Myrtle (Oregon myrtle)

Oak (Holly oak)

Pear (Bradford pear)

Recommended Medium Size Street Trees (minimum spacing: 30 feet)

Ash (Flame, Golden Desert, etc.)

Birch (Paper birch, River birch)

Crabapples (flowering crabapples)

Gum (Sweet gum)

Honey locust

Linden (Littleleaf linden)

Maple (Red maple)

Maple (Sugar maple)

Oak (Scarlet oak, English oak)

Redwood (Dawn redwood)

Yellowwood

Village green

Recommended Large Boulevard Trees (minimum spacing: 40 feet)

Beech (European beech, etc.)

Chestnuts (Chinese chestnuts)

Maidenhair tree

Sycamore maple

Oak (Red oaks)

Tulip tree