



HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS MMC CHAPTER 22E.010, CRITICAL AREAS MANAGEMENT

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REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVING HAZARDOUS TREES OR OVERGROWN VEGETATION.

Purpose: To allow for the cutting or trimming of potentially hazardous trees or overgrown vegetation in protected areas.

DETERMINE OWNERSHIP

- a) Private Individual
- b) Homeowner's Association/Native Growth Protection Area (NGPA)
- c) City-Owned Right-of-Way, Tract or Park
- d) Stream Buffer

Private Individual: If the tree is located on private property and not in a protected area or stream buffer, the property owner will be responsible for removing the tree(s). It may be necessary to replace the tree if required by City landscaping standards. A clearing and grading permit is required under the following circumstances: (a) Any clearing, filling, or excavation in an environmentally sensitive area or regulated buffer. (b) Fill and/or excavation totaling 50 cubic yards. (c) Over 1,000 square feet of clearing, as measured at the ground level. Clearing includes disturbance of over 1,000 square feet at grade due to felling or topping of trees. Please contact the Community Development Department at 360.363.8100 with any questions. Please note that timber harvesting over 5,000 board feet may require a harvesting permit from the Department of Natural Resources (800.527.3305).

Homeowner's Association: If the tree is located in a protected area (NGPA) owned by a homeowner's association, please contact the Community Development Department at 360.363.8100 to verify whether the tree is hazardous, and then contact the president or members of the association to obtain approval for the removal. The cost of the tree removal may be shared by the homeowner's association or be paid by an individual member. The felled tree must remain in the NGPA. Timber harvesting or firewood cutting is not allowed. Vegetation, such as noxious weeds and blackberries, in protected areas that have grown over property lines, fences, and are encroaching on private property may be trimmed.

City-Owned Right-of-Way, Tract, or Park: If the tree is located on City right-of-way and is causing a potential safety hazard or sight distance problem, contact the Public Works Street Division at 360.363.8100, and they will investigate and trim or remove vegetation if needed. If the tree is located in a city park or on a city-owned tract, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 360.363.8400, and they will investigate and trim or remove the tree if needed. Trees in power lines should be reported to the Snohomish County PUD at 425.783.8300.

Stream Buffer: If privately-owned property is located within a stream buffer area, the owner may perform routine yard maintenance only. Trees and vegetation located in existing yards or buffers must remain intact. Hazardous or diseased trees may be removed by a private tree service at the owner's expense.