

Cannon Beach Tree Pruning, Removal & Replacement



If your tree is over six inches in diameter, as measured at 4.5 feet from natural grade (Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)) and you would like to:



Top your tree. Tree topping is **prohibited** in Cannon Beach except for where:

- 1) trees have been severely damaged in a storm; or
- 2) required for utility line maintenance when other pruning practices are impractical

Prune your tree. It should be pruned to International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) ANSI A300 Pruning Standards (2008) if:

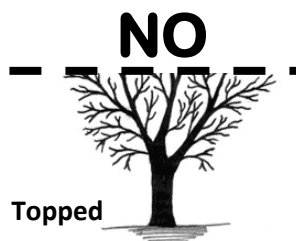
- 1) it is more than thirty feet in height; or,
- 2) it is more than thirty inches in diameter; or,
- 3) it is South of Ecola Creek, located west of Hemlock St.; or,
- 4) it is North of Ecola Creek, located west of Laurel St.



Remove your tree.

You **must** have a Tree Removal Permit, with a Tree Removal Report prepared by a Certified Arborist if:

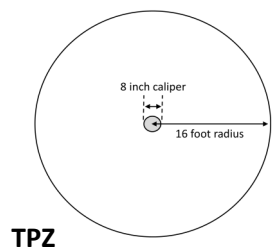
- 1) you are constructing a structure or development approved or allowed pursuant to CBMC 17.70.030 (B or Q), which involves any form of ground disturbance, including required vehicular and utility access; or,
- 2) Remove a tree for health and vigor of surrounding trees.



If you are removing a tree(s) because of construction, you should:

1. Contact a certified arborist;
2. If the certified arborist determines that no other trees on the property or neighboring properties and right-of-way will be affected by the proposed construction, then the certified arborist should write a letter stating these findings and submit the letter with the building permit application.

NOTE: the City reserves the right to have the City Arborist review all arborist recommendations and make an independent report for Administrative review. All administrative decisions may be appealed.



3. If the certified arborist determines that trees will be affected,

A. the site plan should indicate the location of all trees over 6" DBH on the subject property or off-site (in the adjoining right-of-way or on adjacent property) whose root structure might be impacted by excavation associated with the proposed structure, or by soil compaction caused by vehicular traffic or storage of materials.

B. Measures must be taken to avoid damaging trees not proposed for removal, both on the subject property and off-site (in the adjoining right-of-way or on adjacent property).

C. The area where a tree's root structure might be impacted by excavation, or where soil compaction caused by vehicular traffic or storage of materials might affect a tree's health, shall be known as a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ).

D. Prior to construction the TZP shall be delineated by hi-visibility fencing a minimum of 3.5 feet tall, which shall be retained in place until completion of construction. Vehicular traffic, excavation and storage of materials shall be prohibited within the TPZ





Damaged



Hazard or Dead

You must have a Tree Removal Permit, with an ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation Form prepared by a Certified Arborist If:

- 1) the tree presents a safety hazard, where:
 - A. The condition or location of the tree presents either a foreseeable danger to public safety, or a foreseeable danger of property damage to an existing structure; and,
 - B. Such hazard or danger cannot reasonably be alleviated by pruning or treatment of the tree; or
- 2) the tree was damaged by storm, fire or other injury, which can't be saved by pruning

If your tree presents an immediate danger of collapse and if such potential collapse represents a clear and present hazard to persons or property, **please contact the Community Development Director (CDD) at 503-436-8042**. If it is determined by the CDD that it is an immediate danger, then a tree removal permit is not required prior to tree removal. However, within seven days after the tree removal, the tree owner shall make application for an after-the-fact permit. Where a tree presents an immediate danger of collapse, a complete ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation Form prepared by a certified arborist is not required. Where a safety hazard exists, as defined by this subsection, the city may require the tree's removal. If the tree has not been removed after forty-eight hours, the city may remove the tree and charge the costs to the owner.

You must have a Tree Removal Permit, with a reason, to:

- 1) Remove a tree that is dead;
- 2) Remove a tree where required to provide solar access to a solar energy system where pruning will not provide adequate solar access:
 - A. The city may require documentation that a device qualifies for Oregon Department of Energy Solar Tax Credit, or other incentive for installation of solar devices offered by a utility
 - B. No tree measuring more than 24 inches in diameter shall be removed for solar access
- 3) Remove a tree for landscape purposes subject to the following conditions
 - A. The tree(s) to be removed under this criterion cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter;
 - B. A landscape plan for the area affected by the tree removal is approved by the city;
 - C. The landscape plan incorporates replacement trees for trees to be removed. The replacement trees shall be at least six feet in height or have a two inch caliper; and,
 - D. The city shall review the property one year after the approval of the tree removal permit for compliance.

The city may require the replanting of trees to replace those being removed.



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