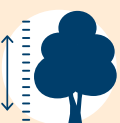




# How to apply to remove a regulated tree

You may need Development Approval before removing or carrying out major works on a regulated tree.

Regulated trees generally include:

 <p>Trees 8 metres or taller</p>	 <p>Trees on the Significant Tree Register</p>	 <p>Trees required to be retained or planted through development approvals.</p>
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Routine pruning and general garden maintenance do not usually require approval.

## Step 1: Check if approval is required

Approval is typically needed if your proposed works may significantly impact a regulated tree.

This includes:

- Removing a tree
- Topping or lopping significant branches
- Works that may cause decline or death
- Damaging roots (more than 10% within the drip line)
- Excavation, paving or soil changes near the tree.

If you are unsure, contact the City before starting any work.

## Step 2: Gather your information

To help assess your application quickly, prepare the following:

- Description of the proposed works
- Photos of the tree
- Site plan (showing tree location)
- Reason for removal or works
- Supporting reports, if applicable (e.g. arborist or engineering report for structural damage or safety concerns).

## Step 3: Submit your application

Applications are submitted online via the City's Development Application portal.

Apply online.

## Step 4: Assessment

Your application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The City will consider:

- Safety risks
- Property impacts
- Tree health and significance
- Development rights and site constraints.

While the City aims to retain trees wherever practical, applications are assessed pragmatically and fairly.

## Step 5: Outcome

You will receive:

- Approval (with or without conditions), or
- Refusal (with reasons provided).

If you disagree with a decision, you may appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal.

### Important information

There are exemptions for things like:

- Imminently hazardous or dangerous trees
- Bushfire management requirements
- Compliance with a Fire Control Order, the City's Fire Control Order, an adopted Bushfire Management Plan or the Bush Fire Risk Treatment Standards.

Some exemptions may still require supporting evidence.

Failure to obtain approval when required is an offence and may result in penalties.

### More information

The City can assist and guide you through the process, please contact us on 08 9411 3444 or email [customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au)