

Want to Cut Down a Tree?

Here's some information you need to know

Is the tree significant or non-significant?

- A significant conifer² has a diameter of 12" or greater at 4' 6" above grade
- A significant deciduous¹ has a diameter of 8" or greater at 4' 6" above grade

Diameter



Significant Tree Information

- If a significant tree meets the following criteria: dangerous, hazardous, diseased, or causing structural damage, it may be removed pending approval from the City. The replacement or mitigation is a 1:1 ratio. A report from a certified arborist may be required.
- If a significant tree does not meet the criteria above, it may be removed pending approval from the City. The replacement or mitigation is a 3:1 ratio in this case.
- Heritage trees may not be removed.
- If you think your tree is significant and qualifies for removal, complete the [Tree Evaluation Application](#)
- Removal of a significant tree is in violation of AMC 20.28.040A and may result in a misdemeanor, up to \$1000 fine, and up to 90 days in prison, per violation.

If the city approves the removal of a significant tree, replacement or mitigation is required.

<u>Tree Replacement</u>	<u>Mitigation in Lieu of Tree Replacement</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 trees must be replaced for each significant tree removed• Replacement trees must be 5 gallon size container or greater• Replacement trees must be planted onsite or an approved city property; <i>if available</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ratio for mitigation in lieu of planting is 3:1• 3 trees mitigated/1 significant tree removed• Mitigation fees: \$150.00 per tree x 3 trees = \$450.00• A combination of mitigation and replacement is permitted.

Non-Significant & Street Tree Information

- Street trees require a 1:1 replacement ratio and must be a species equivalent to the trees on your street.
- Street trees must be planted with root barrier per city of Arlington Standard Details R-270
- Dangerous, Hazardous, Damaging or Diseased trees require a 1:1 replacement ratio
- Any tree removal within the public right-of-way requires a [Right-of-Way permit](#) from the City of Arlington Permit Center
- Single Family Homes, Duplex and Townhomes require a minimum of one tree planted in the backyard and one in the front yard per each unit.
- Multi-family and commercial property must meet the screening and landscaping requirement standards. AMC [20.76](#)

When is a Forest Practice permit required?

- A Forest Practice permit is required when proposing to remove trees on 1/2 acre (21,780 square feet) or greater or more than 5000 board feet
- [Apply here](#) if the removal of trees meets the threshold of a Forest Practice Permit. For more information, see the following local and State codes:
AMC 20.76; AMC 20.80; RCW 76.09; WAC 222-16; WAC 222-20; WAC 222-30; WAC 222-34

Call 811 Before You Dig; HOA approval may be required

¹Deciduous Trees lose their leaves and become dormant during the winter.

²Conifer is a type of tree that produces cones and evergreen needles.