

Replacement Trees



Tree Protection Bylaw, 2006, No. 16100

Replacement trees are required as a condition of all tree cutting permits. The number of replacement trees required is determined based on the type of tree removed.

Alder / Black Cottonwood: one (1) tree must be planted for each one (1) tree removed.

All other protected trees: two (2) trees must be planted for each one (1) tree removed.

TYPE AND SIZE OF REPLACEMENT TREE

Replacement trees must be the following size:

- Deciduous tree species – 3cm caliper or greater
- Coniferous tree species – minimum 1.75m tall

The following will not be accepted as a replacement tree:

- Hedges
- Dwarf varieties
- Shrub species
- Palm trees
- Weeping species

LOCATION OF REPLACEMENT TREES:

Trees must be planted:

- On the site where the tree cutting permit was issued
- At least 1m away from all property lines
- At least 3m away from another tree
- At least 3m away from BC Hydro lines
- At least 3m away from the house, garage, pool, deck, or other permitted outbuildings
- At least 1m away from underground utilities
- At least 1m away from hardscaping such as driveway, patio, walkways, and retaining walls.

SECURITY REFUNDS:

Securities are collected to ensure replacement trees are properly planted. Replacement trees must be the right size and planted in the right location. Securities are refunded after a City Arborist inspects and accepts the replacement trees.

Securities are refunded to the owner in two (2) phases.

- 1st release – 50% of security
- 2nd release – 50% of security

REPLACEMENT TREE INSPECTIONS:

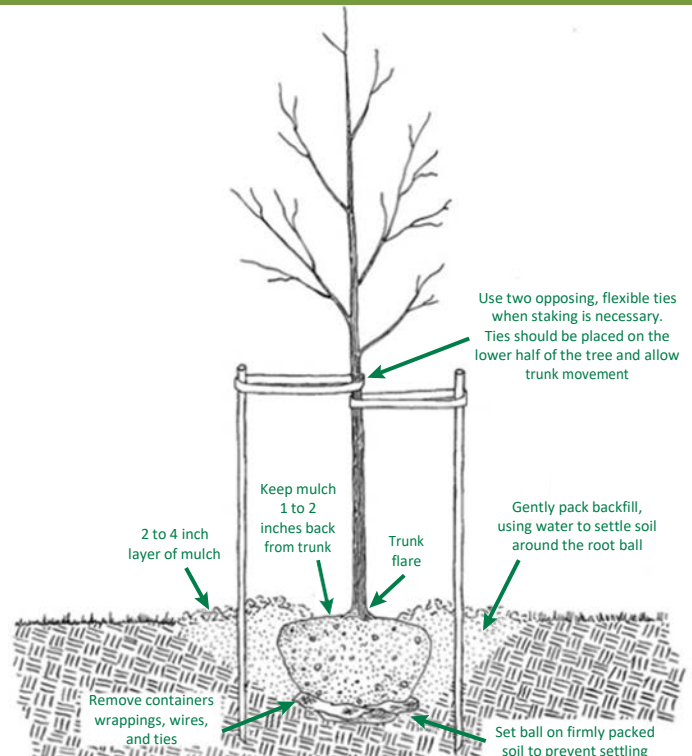
The owner is responsible for booking a replacement tree inspection. Two (2) inspections are required:

- 1st Inspection – when the tree is planted
- 2nd Inspection – one (1) year after the 1st inspection

TREE SELECTION GUIDELINES:

1. Select the right tree for your property.
 - What kind of trees do you like?
 - How big do you want the tree to grow?
 - Is there enough soil/garden space for the tree to grow?
2. Select the right location for your tree.
 - Will the tree be able to grow to its full size?
 - Are there overhead powerlines or underground utilities near the tree?
 - Is the area full sun, partial shade, or full shade?

TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES



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It is recommended to plant trees in early spring or fall.

Steps to Plant your Tree

1. Identify the trunk flare
 - the trunk flare is where the trunk expands at the base of the tree
 - the trunk flare should be partially visible after the tree is planted
2. Dig a hole
 - Dig a hole 2 to 3 times wider than the root ball
 - The hole should be as deep as the root ball
3. Remove the container or cut away the wire/burlap
4. Place the tree in the hole
 - Make sure the hole isn't too deep, remember you want to see the trunk flare after planting
5. Straighten tree in the hole
6. Fill the hole
 - Pack soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it
 - Gently pack soil around the rest of the root ball, watering as you plant

CARING FOR YOUR TREE:

1. Mulching
 - Spread 5 to 10cm of mulch around the base of the tree
 - Mulch should not be placed next to the trunk; leave a 2.5 to 5cm "mulch free" area around the trunk.
2. Watering
 - Water your tree with a sprinkler or hose twice a week from May-October the first few years after planting.

Surrey's Trees and Landscape Section:

604-591-4675

Treebylaw@surrey.ca | surrey.ca/trees

Resources:

treesaregood.org | bchydro.com/safety-outages



HOW DO I BOOK A REPLACEMENT TREE INSPECTION?

Book a Replacement Tree Inspection by choosing one of the following options. Photos and location of trees are required.

1. Complete our [online Tree Inspections Form](#).
2. Email the required information to Treeinspection@surrey.ca.
3. Call 604-591-4675 and leave a message to request a replacement tree inspection.

