

## What is a Protected Tree?

Tree species protected in Esquimalt are Arbutus, Big leaf maple, Douglas fir, Garry oak, Grand fir, Pacific dogwood, Pacific yew and Western red cedar. Other trees are also protected if they are heritage trees, wildlife trees, nesting trees, multi stemmed or over 30 centimetres (11.8 inches) dbh.

## What is a Heritage Tree?

Heritage Tree refers to any tree that is an outstanding specimen in size or shape, is rare, historical, part of a significant group of trees or located in a specific area, or one that is a landmark in the community.

## What is dbh?

Dbh (diameter at breast height) is the diameter of a tree trunk measured at 1.4 meters (4.6 feet) above the ground.



## How do I get a Tree Cutting or Removal Permit?

Contact Esquimalt Parks and Recreation Services at 412.8520, or drop by 527 Fraser Street, for a Tree Cutting or Removal Permit Application.

If you are undertaking a construction or development project on your property, a Tree Cutting or Removal Permit may be required as part of your Development Permit.



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# Esquimalt Loves Its Trees!



*Protecting*  
**Esquimalt's  
Urban Forest**

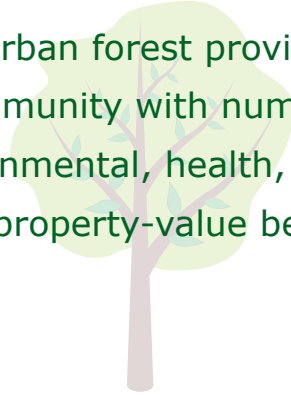
# The Trees of Esquimalt

All the trees in Esquimalt – in parks and yards and along municipal boulevards – are important in our daily lives.

Trees clean the air, cool the earth, add beauty and colour to our world, provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, and soften our urban landscape.

They play a vital role in our personal health and in the health of our urban forest. That's why we love our trees, and why we protect them.

Our urban forest provides our community with numerous environmental, health, esthetic and property-value benefits.



## How does Esquimalt Love Its Trees?

Esquimalt's new Tree Protection Bylaw shows how we love our trees. The bylaw explains how trees are protected and what you can do to help keep our urban forest vibrant and healthy.

## When will I need a permit to cut or remove a tree in my yard?

You will need a permit to cut, remove or alter a protected tree. This includes trees which are dead, dying or hazardous. You may be required to submit a report from an ISA (International Society of Arborists) certified arborist verifying the condition of the tree. You will also be required to obtain a permit to cut, remove or alter a tree that interferes with construction, if no alternatives exist.

## Do I need to replace a tree I have a permit to remove?

When you receive a permit to remove a protected tree, you are required to plant a replacement tree within the time specified on your Tree Cutting or Removal Permit.

## What happens if I remove or cut a Protected Tree without a permit?

Fines will be applied for all removal or cutting of trees without a permit. Fines range from \$250 to \$10,000, depending on the circumstances of the tree removal or cutting.

