

Replanting Requirements

Replanting of trees is a condition of approval for most tree permits. Applicants can choose to pay a fee-in-lieu of replacement if they so choose. The Urban Forester can help select an appropriate tree for replacement.

Invasive Species

Species on the Oregon Noxious Weed List or Milwaukie Invasive Tree List should be removed. Permits are required, but there are no fees or replanting requirements.

Emergency Removals or Falling Trees

Emergency situations may occur where a tree is in immediate threat to infrastructure or public safety. Contact the Urban Forester for an expedited emergency removal permit for emergency removals. If the tree has already fallen or been removed, a retroactive permit should be submitted within seven days of removal along with photos and supportive documentation of removal justification.

Illegal Tree Removals

Trees that are removed without a permit if one is required will face additional fines and penalties. **Fines for unpermitted tree removals are substantial.** Enforcement may also occur if conditions of permit approval (such as replanting) are not met.

Payment Assistance

Residents may qualify for payment assistance to help with permit costs due to hardships. Visit milwaukieoregon.gov/trees or contact the urban forest team to learn more.

Milwaukie Urban Forest Team

The city has an Urban Forester to help with tree questions and decisions. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the urban forest team for an initial consultation or to ask questions about permit requirements, community trees, and city urban forest initiatives.

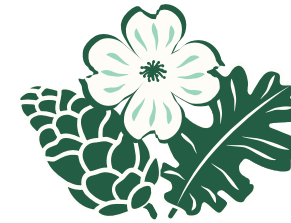
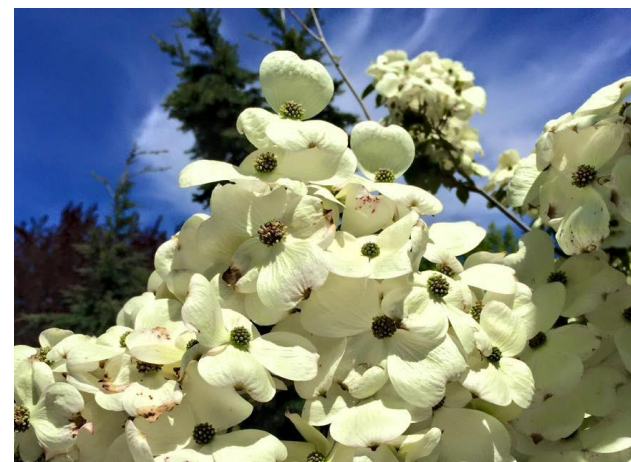
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Growing Trees
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Residential Private Tree Code Factsheet

2025

Milwaukie's Urban Canopy

Trees provide essential community benefits. Milwaukie developed and adopted a private residential tree code to maximize these benefits, meet the city's canopy goals and complement housing and parking residential development code.

Effective May 19th, 2022, private residential trees are regulated by tree code and may require permits for removal. Public trees are also protected by tree code and require permits for significant pruning and removal.



Private Residential Tree Code

To remove a tree greater than 6" in diameter at breast height (DBH) on residentially zoned properties, property owners must obtain a permit before removal. Commercial agriculture and horticultural trees (such as Christmas tree farms) are exempted from the tree code.



Residential Tree Permits

Unpermitted removal may result in significant fines. See 'Illegal Tree Removals.'



Type A Permit

Type A permits are the 'streamlined' tree removal permits. Dead/dying, hazardous and invasive trees are included in the Type A permit approval standards. Trees having impacts on infrastructure or creating Type A permit applicable. One healthy tree under 12" per 12 months may be removed per site under a Type A permit.

Documentation will be required for some Type A approval standards. For a full list of Type A approval standards and required documentation, visit milwaukieoregon.gov/trees.



Type B Permit

Type B permits are required for removal of trees over 12" DBH and for removal of multiple healthy trees (greater than 6" DBH). Type B permits may be approved or denied by the Urban Forester depending on the application and circumstance



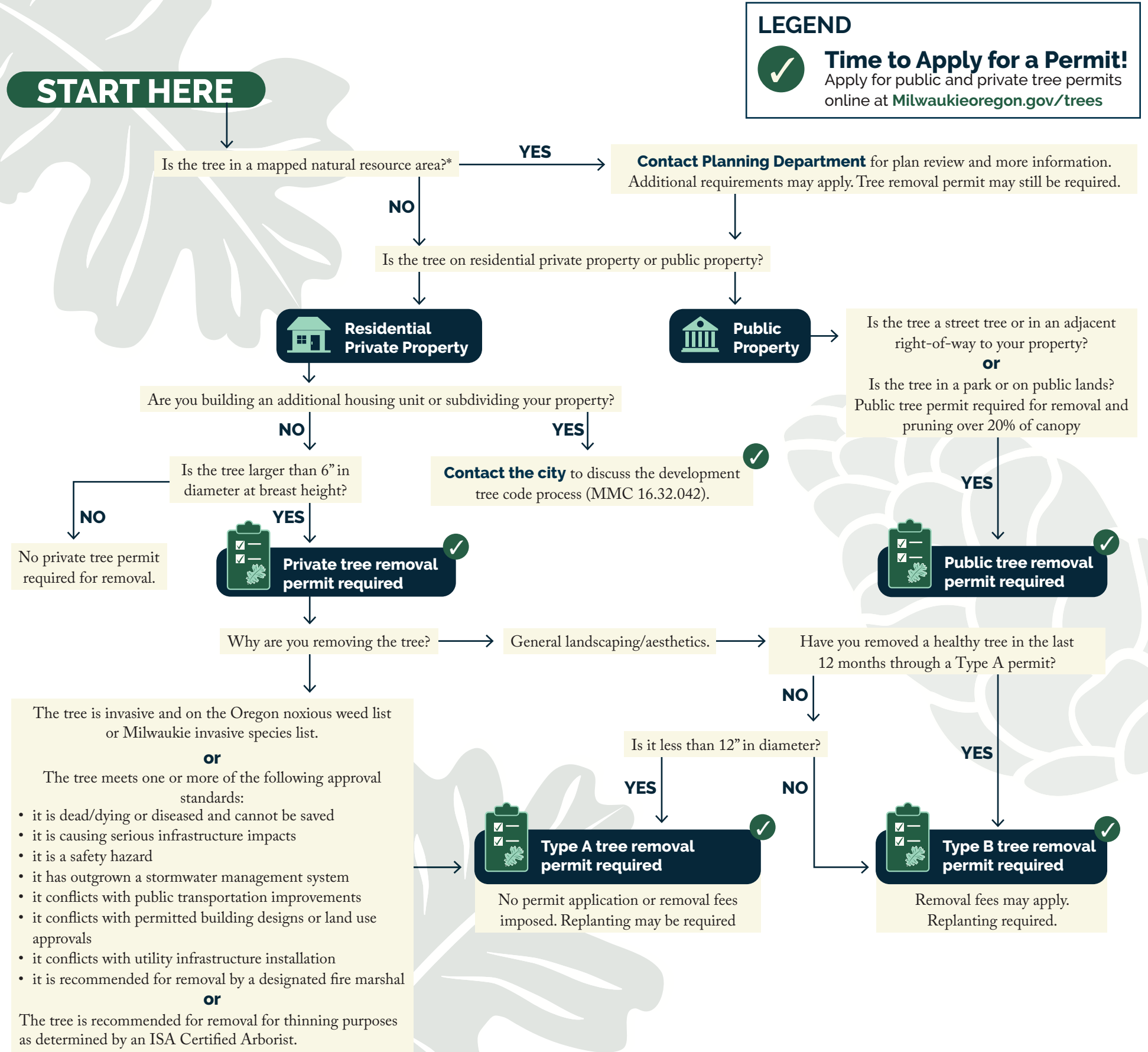
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Need to remove a tree?

Follow this decision tree to determine what is required for a tree removal in Milwaukie



PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL CODE



***WHAT IS A MAPPED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA?**

A mapped natural resource area is a zone of environmental importance and has additional approval requirements due to natural resource impacts. Visit milwaukieoregon.gov/maps or contact the Milwaukie planning department to determine if a tree is located in these areas.

HOW TO DETERMINE IF A TREE IS ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY:

- Do an initial search using the Milwaukie property and utility search map: milwaukieoregon.gov/maps
- Contact the city for confirmation of tree location

HOW TO DETERMINE TREE DIAMETER:

For single stemmed trees, diameter at breast height can be measured by taking a measurement of the circumference of a tree trunk 4.5 feet up from the ground and dividing by 3.14. For more instructions and tips on measuring a slanted tree or multi-stemmed tree, visit milwaukieoregon.gov/trees

HELPING MILWAUKIE'S CANOPY

The city is working to preserve tree canopy as trees are proven to improve property values, provide community health benefits and essential habitat.

Contact Milwaukie's urban forester to talk about what can be done to help you and your tree.

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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