

Tree Removal in the Right-of-Way

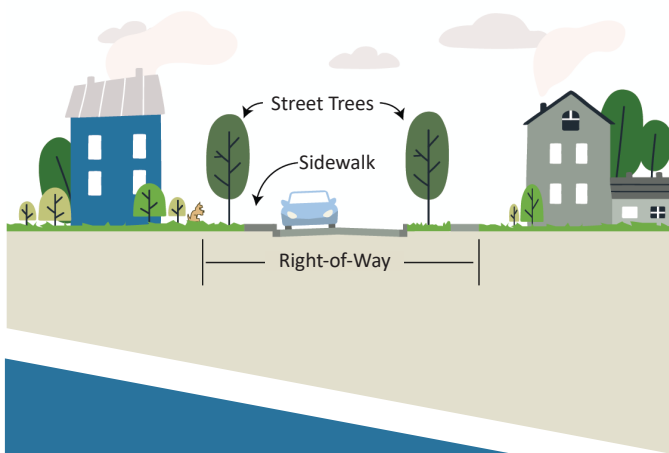


The community of Sammamish has a goal of enhancing and promoting tree canopy coverage. To address this goal, Sammamish Municipal Code requires a permit and replacement tree planting each time a street tree is to be removed within city limits.

What is a Street Tree?

A Street Tree is a tree located within the public right-of-way (ROW). Not all street trees are maintained by the City. If you live in a neighborhood that is part of a Homeowner's Association (HOA), managing street trees may be the responsibility of the HOA. Please get in touch with your HOA before contacting the City regarding street tree maintenance.

To report street tree emergencies that require an immediate response, please submit a request through My Sammamish at <https://www.sammamish.us/how-do-i/my-sammamish/>



Finding the Right Arborist

Those applying for a permit for a Type B ROW permit within the City must hire a Professional Arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)*. An Arborist assisting with a permit must be certified through the TRAQ (Tree Risk Assessment Qualification) program.

City staff will verify Arborist credentials through the ISA database at www.isa-arbor.com. Please ask your tree consultant/company to provide arborist qualifications to be included with the application.

*If the tree is visibly dead, an Arborist is not required.

Permit Required

A Type B Right-of-Way construction permit is required before any work begins within the public right-of-way including, removing and maintaining street trees. Street trees may be removed with a permit when they are dead, diseased, dying, damaged, or have reached a point in maturity where they have exceeded their intended lifecycle by design.

The following items must be submitted along with the permit application.

- A narrative describing the tree (species and size) to be removed and the reason for the removal.
- A site plan showing the location of the removed tree (s) and the location of the proposed replacement tree(s).
- Provide a tree installation detail in accordance with Chapter 19.8 of the [Public Work Standards](#).
- An Arborist Report documenting tree(s) conditions and recommendation on action.
- Traffic Control Plan if planning to occupy the ROW during removal or replanting.

For more information, please visit the City of Sammamish's Permit Center at <https://www.sammamish.us/permits-regulations/permit-center/>

