

HOMEOWNERS'S GUIDE TO STREET TREE PERMITS

APPLIES TO: Developed Single Family Property,
Less than 24,000 square feet
and cannot be further divided.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHY TREES ARE IMPORTANT

Why do we want trees along our roadways and on our properties?

Trees provide a number of important benefits to our community. Having trees along our roadways shades the road surface, and reduces urban heat. This shade also helps to reduce the frequency of resurfacing our roads.

Trees on our properties provide benefits in reducing energy costs for heating and cooling.

PERMITS

Do I need a permit to remove a tree within the planting strip along the roadway?

YES. A permit is required to remove and replace street trees along the roadway.

Do I need a permit to remove a tree from my property?

A permit is not required to remove a tree if property is not within a critical area and can not be divided.

How do I know if my property is within a critical area?

Contact: **Camas Planning Division** on 360.817.1568 to determine if property is within a critical area.

Email:
communitydevelopment@cityofcamas.us

MEASURING A TREE

How do I measure a tree?

Measure the diameter of each tree at 4.5 feet above the ground. This is called the diameter at breast height (DBH) and it is measured in inches.



REMOVING TREES

If I am going to remove a street tree, what do I do?

You will need to obtain a tree removal permit. The permit is available at **Camas Planning Division**. Phone 360.817.1568 or email; communitydevelopment@cityofcamas.us

To apply for the permit you will need to do the following:

1. Show the outline of your property, and the approximate location of your house, driveway, street and any other improvements.
2. Indicate the approximate size and species of tree(s) to be removed and provide a reason for removal.

There is no permit fee.

REPLACING TREES

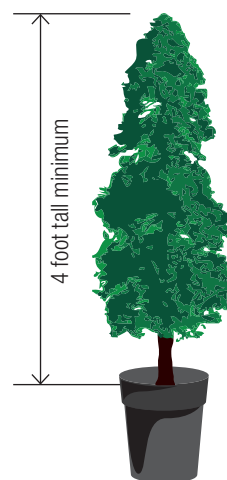
Do I have to replace any certain type of tree?

Contact **Camas Planning Division** on 360.817.1568 for a suggested and prohibited list of trees.

For residential property owners located within a Homeowners' Association, contact the Association President for CCRs Plat information to determine tree removal limitations.

Is there a minimum size tree that I have to plant back?

YES. Trees to be planted must meet the following size specifications.

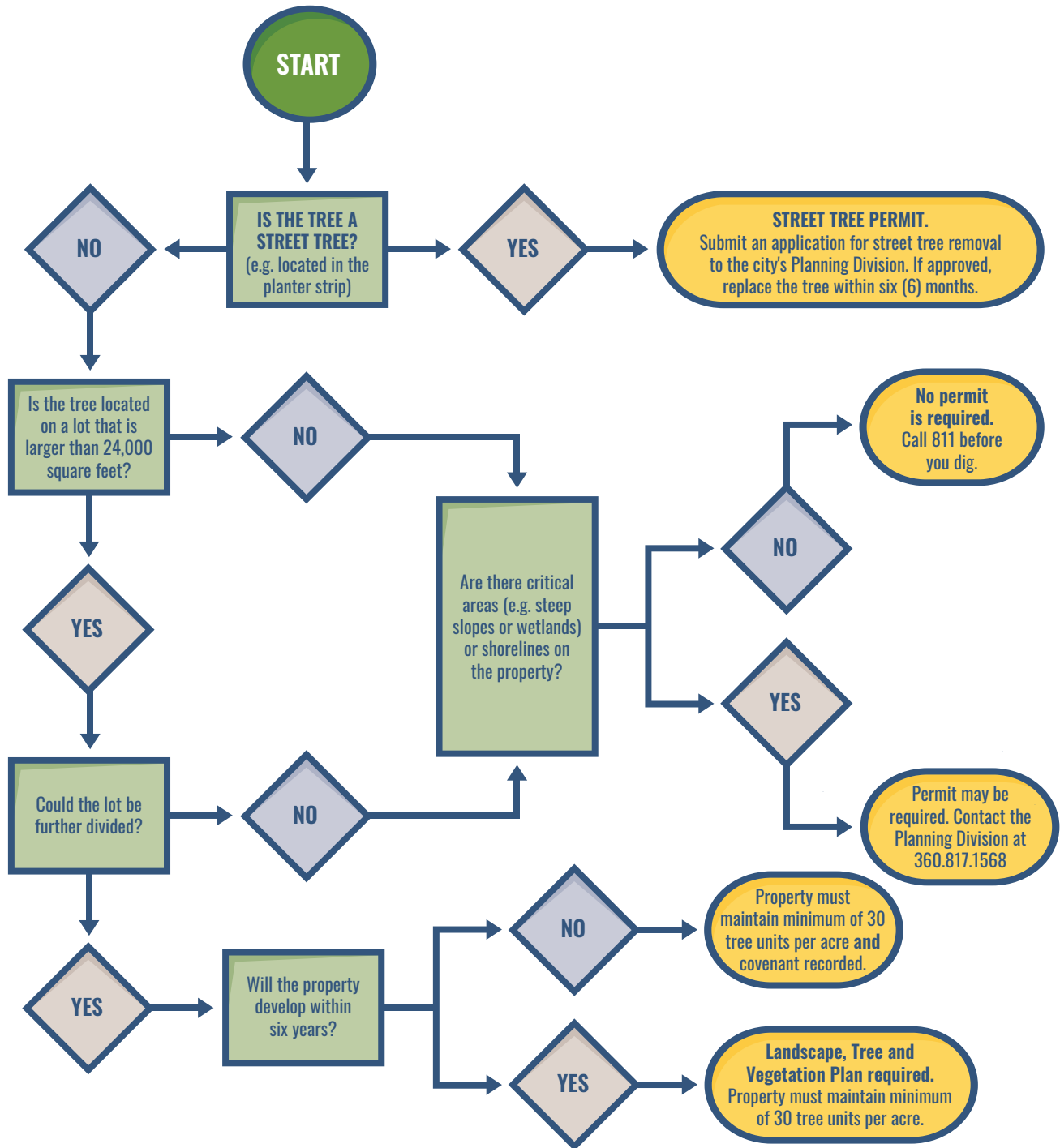


EVERGREEN:
4 Foot tall minimum



DECIDUOUS:
2.0 inch caliper, branched
2.0 inch DBH

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL LOTS



Note: If tree is designated on a plan or a development for protection, then follow the process for Street Tree Removal and submit an application to the Planning Division.