



TREE REMOVAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

A permit is required for the removal of trees per the Tree Preservation Chapter of the Black Diamond Municipal Code (19.30), unless specifically exempted by the chapter. A tree plan, meeting the following requirements and standards, shall be submitted as part of a permit application for tree removal. There are two tree plan classifications. Please select the one that best fits your project.

✓ **REDEVELOPMENT/LEVEL I TREE PLAN:** required for changes to existing development, including all residential, commercial, industrial or institutional sites that involve a land disturbance or expansion of buildings or impervious surface.

- Planning Permit Master Application
- 2 Sets of Drawings. Plans shall include:
 - a. All proposed development or expansion structures, parking, driveways, roadways, lanes, sidewalks and pathways, and retaining walls
 - b. All significant trees located within the site subject to development and shall depict those significant trees to be retained in order to meet the guidelines of BDMC 19.30.040(B)
 - c. Planting plan including location, species, and size of new trees to be planted.
 - i. Replacement trees shall be planted on the site from which significant trees are removed or, if impractical, an off-site location determined by the City. Native trees are preferred over non-native trees.
 - ii. Significant trees removed shall be replaced by new trees on a 1:1 removal to replacement ratio.
 - iii. New trees shall meet or exceed current American Nursery and Landscape Association or equivalent organization's standards for nursery stock
 - iv. New trees shall be planted in locations appropriate to the species growth habit and horticulture requirements.
 - v. New trees must be located away from areas where damage is likely.
 - vi. Deciduous replacement trees shall be a minimum of one and half (1.5) inch in caliper, evergreen trees must be a minimum of six (6) feet in height.
 - vii. The time period for planting of replacement trees shall conform to standards for transplanting trees as set forth in ANSI A300, part 6.
 - viii. Trees shall be watered as necessary to ensure survival and growth during the first two growing seasons after planting. Dead trees shall be replaced within the two-year planting to ensure survival.
- Sensitive Area Identification Form
- \$250 Permit Fee

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✓**LEVEL II TREE PLAN:** required for new development, including residential, commercial, industrial or institutional developments that involve land disturbance, parking areas, roads, buildings, or other construction. The tree plan must be completed by a professional forester, certified arborist, or landscape architect.

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2 Sets of Drawings. Plans shall include:

a. Information required on a Level 1 Plan

b. Description of off-site trees that could be affected by proposed activity;

c. In the event that the proposed plan will result in the retainage of fewer than twenty (20) percent of all significant trees within the site, not including wetlands and sensitive areas and their associated buffers, the tree plan shall include a description of alternative designs that were evaluated and considered by the applicant to provide greater protection of significant trees and a detailed explanation of why such alternative site designs were rejected.

Sensitive Area Identification Form

\$500 Permit Fee

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

-In lieu of onsite tree replacement, an applicant may pay a flat fee of \$500 per each tree removed into the significant tree removal replacement fund. These funds will be utilized in replanting projects throughout the City.

-For the definitions of a significant tree or to determine if your tree removal is exempt, please review the Tree Preservation Summary document available in our office or on the City Website.