Tree Protection Bylaw, No. 2961, 2015

Under the Port Moody Tree Protection Bylaw, two (2) trees must be planted for each one (1) tree removed. Replacement trees should be planted on the same land as the tree removed, unless this is not feasible or practical.

If replanting on the same land is not feasible, the General Manager may agree to the Owner paying a monetary amount in lieu of replacement trees.

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planning@portmoody.ca

portmoody.ca/trees

City of Port Moody Tree Replacement

Replacement Tree Inspections

The owner is responsible for contacting planning@portmoody.ca or 604.469.4540 to arrange a replacement tree inspection. Three inspections are required.

- 1st inspection when the replacement tree(s) is/are planted
- 2nd inspection one year after the first inspection
- 3rd inspection one year after the second inspection

Acceptable Type/Size of Replacement Tree

Replacement trees must be the following size:

- Deciduous tree species 3cm caliper or greater
- Coniferous tree species minimum 1.75m tall

The following **will not** be accepted as a replacement tree: hedges, dwarf varieties, shrub species, palm trees, weeping species.

Security Refunds

Securities are collected to ensure that the replacement trees are planted and maintained in accordance with the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or the British Columbia Landscape Nursery Associate (BCLNA). If replacement trees are planted and maintained in a satisfactory manner, the security deposit collected by the City will be released in the following stages:

- 1. 25% to be released after completion of all required planting of Replacement Trees
- 2. 25% to be released one year after the date their planting was completed
- 3. The remaining 50% to be released two years after the date their planting was completed

Tree Selection Guidelines

Replacement trees should be selected based on the City's Climate Resilient Landscaping Standards (CRLS), which aims to design biodiverse and sustainable gardens. The City's CRLS can be found at portmoody.ca/naturescape.

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Replacement Tree Locations

Trees must be planted:

- On the site where the tree cutting permit was issued, unless a monetary amount in lieu of replacement trees has been agreed upon.
- At least 1m away from:
 - all property lines
 - underground utilities
 - hardscaping such as driveway, patio, walkways, and retaining walls
- At least 3m away from:
 - another tree
 - BC Hydro lines
 - the house, garage, pool, deck, or other permitted outbuildings

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Tree Planting

- 1. The trunk flare is where the trunk expands at the base of the tree. Ensure the trunk flare is partially visible after the tree is planted. Remove excess soil prior to planting if the flare is not visible.
- 2. Dig a shallow, broad planting hole. Holes should be 2–3 times wider than the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball.
- 3. If wrapped, remove any cover from around the root ball and trunk to facilitate root growth.
- 4. Place the tree at the proper height. When placing the tree in the hole, lift by the root ball, not the trunk.
- 5. Straighten the tree in the hole. Before filling the hole, have someone examine the tree from several angles to confirm it is straight.
- 6. Fill the hole gently. Pack soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Fill the hole firmly to eliminate air pockets. Further reduce air pockets by watering periodically while backfilling. Avoid fertilizing at the time of planting.
- Mulch the base of the tree. Place a 2–3 inches (5–7.5 cm) layer of mulch, do not pile much right against the trunk. A mulch-free area of 1–2 inches (2.5–5 cm) wide at the base of the tree reduces moist bark and prevents decay

Visit treesaregood.org for more information on replacement trees



Care After Planting:

Provide follow-up care. Keep the soil moist by watering it at least once a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot, windy weather. Continue until mid-fall, tapering off as lower temperatures require less-frequent watering

Booking a Tree Replacement Inspection

To book a tree replacement inspection please contact the City of Port Moody's Planning Department at planning@portmoody.ca or 604.469.4540.

