



Builders Guide to Olympia's Tree Protection Ordinance

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Required Number of Trees:

All new developments are required to meet a minimum tree density by preserving existing trees where feasible and/ planting new trees if needed. Refer to the chart below to determine the required number of trees to be planted.

For lots above 9,000 square feet, the required number of trees to be planted is equivalent to 30 trees per acre.

Lot Size in Square Feet	Required Number of Planted Trees
0 - 1,500 sq.ft.	1 tree
1,501 - 3,000 sq. ft.	2 trees
3,001 - 4,500 sq. ft.	3 trees
4,501 - 6,000 sq. ft.	4 trees
6,001 - 7,500 sq. ft.	5 trees
7,501 - 9,000 sq. ft.	6 trees

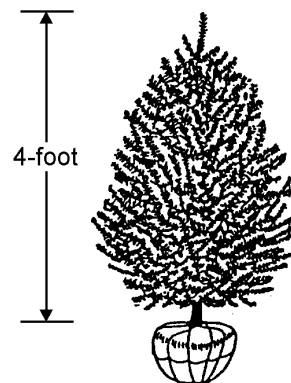
Tree Species:

When selecting tree species to plant, take into consideration existing soils, space availability, and other constraints that may exist on site.

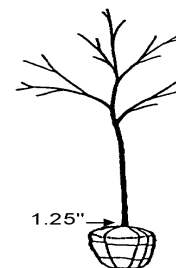
A "Tree Planter's Handout" is available at the Community Planning and Development Department, 837 7th Avenue SE, and includes a suggested list of trees. Contact Stacey Ray, Urban Forester at (360) 753-8046 or sray@ci.olympia.wa.us for more information.

Minimum Tree Size and Quantity:

Trees to be planted shall meet the size specifications shown below and shall meet or exceed the American Standard for Nursery Stock Grade #1. To the extent possible, all root ball materials shall be removed at planting, including but not limited to wire baskets, grow bags, and burlap materials.



Evergreen—4 foot tall minimum



Deciduous-1.25 inch caliper, branched.

Tree Preservation:

Reduce the number of trees required to be planted by preserving existing trees on site. Refer to the chart to determine the value of existing trees in equivalent number of trees to be planted.

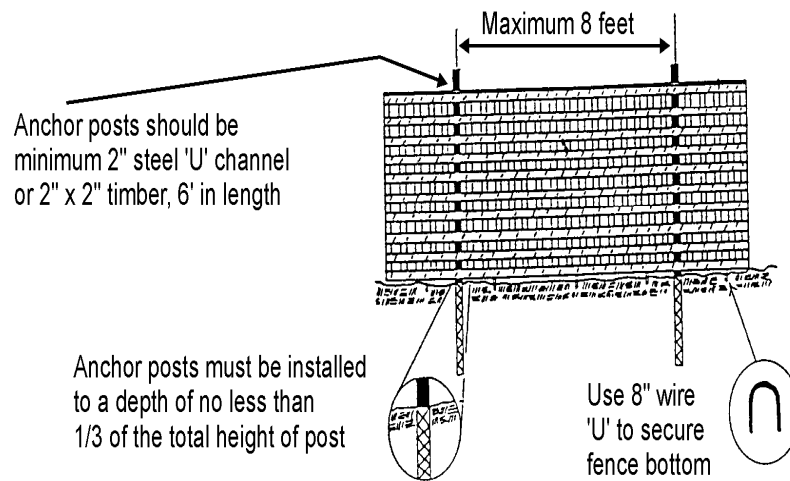
1. Trees to be preserved must be protected during construction by installing a tree protection fencing. **No construction activity is allowed inside of the tree protection fence without prior authorization.**
2. Tree fencing must be inspected by the City prior to any clearing or grading activities.
3. Trees to be preserved must be reinspected by the City prior to removing the fence upon project completion.
4. For trees larger than 36" DBH refer to the complete ordinance.

Tree protection fencing shall be installed according to a City approved site plan, unless otherwise approved by the Urban Forester.

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Existing Tree, Trunk Diameter	Equivalent Number of Planted Trees
1-6"	1
6-12"	1 ½
14"	2
16"	3
18"	4
20"	5
22"	6
24"	7
26"	8
28"	9
30"	10
32"	11
34"	12
36"	13

Tree Protection Fence Detail:



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