



## TREES AND URBAN FORESTRY

As Edmontonians, we value and understand the importance of the city's urban forest. Edmonton's trees provide many environmental, ecological, economic, and social benefits. These include sequestering greenhouse gases, reducing damage from stormwater, providing wildlife habitat, reducing costs for winter heating and summer cooling, and promoting a sense of well-being and positive mental health!

The City recognizes the significance of these assets and works to maintain and grow the urban forest. With careful stewardship, the benefits from trees can continue for generations, appreciating over time. Proper management and education are crucial for continuous growth and improvement of the urban forest.

### Public Tree Bylaw

Trees bring many benefits to Edmonton's neighbourhoods and ecosystems. Construction and excavation work can put nearby trees at risk, along with the benefits those trees provide. Impacts that seem small like bark damage and root compaction can cause irreparable damage to a tree, and the benefits provided by mature trees are not replaced by planting a new tree for many years. The Public Tree Permit process helps people working near City-owned trees work with the City's Urban Forestry team to preserve and protect trees near their worksites.

Are you planning any construction or demolition work? Does this work require laydown sites or site access within 5 meters of any City-owned trees or within 10 metres of a natural area? If you are coordinating any activities on or off City property that may have an impact on City trees, visit Public Tree Permit to take the steps required to preserve and protect City trees.

### Private Tree Care

Edmontonians benefit from trees growing on both public and private property. Private landowners play an essential role in enhancing the livability and quality of life in their neighbourhoods through the planting, maintenance and preservation of trees on private property. By learning and implementing proper tree care techniques, you can help to maximize the lifelong benefits that your trees provide.

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