



## Replacement Tree Guideline

**No.: TREE-10**

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### Purpose:

To assist property owners and builders in providing and planting appropriate replacement trees required as a condition of tree removal permit approval under **Tree Protection Bylaw 8057**.

Where replacement tree requirements are identified as a condition of a valid **development related** tree removal permit, **planting must be completed prior to final building inspection/occupancy**.

**Note:** Non-development Tree Permit issued on adjacent/adjoining properties due to construction on neighbouring property: same requirements.

Where replacement tree requirements are identified as a condition of a valid non-development tree removal permit, planting must be completed within one year of obtaining the permit.

*Inspection of the replacement tree is required and the applicant must contact a Tree Preservation Official for an inspection of the tree (call 604-247-4684 or 604-276-4158).*

### Requirements (unless otherwise noted on the permit):

- To be planted on the same lot as the tree removal unless permission is granted to plant trees on City property.
- Minimum height of 2m (6.5 ft.) or a 6cm (2.5 in.) caliper (diameter) for a deciduous tree.
- Minimum height of 2m (6.5 ft.) for a coniferous tree.
- Should be located a minimum 1.5m (5 ft.) from a property line.
- Not planted directly under BC Hydro power lines.

*Every replacement tree shall be spaced from existing trees and other replacement trees in accordance with the current BCLNA (British Columbia Society of Landscape and Nursery Association) standards.*

For a list of acceptable replacement trees, see **Suitable Trees for Replanting (PL-17)** on our website: [www.richmond.ca/sustainability/environment/treeremoval](http://www.richmond.ca/sustainability/environment/treeremoval)

We **DO NOT** accept the following as replacement trees:

- Hedging Cedars
- Palm Trees
- Banana Plants
- Dwarf species or Topiaries

### Penalties:

Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this bylaw can face fines of up to \$750 per tree.

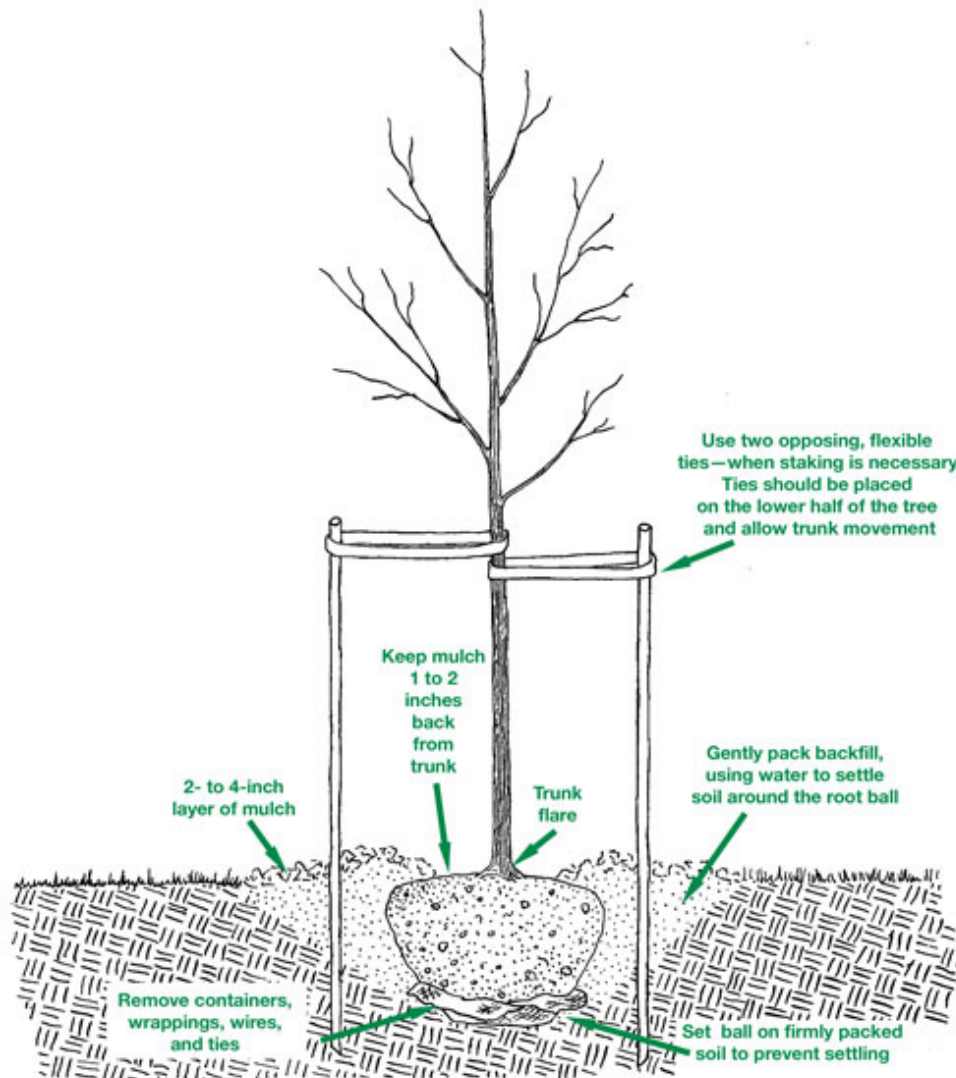
Offences include:

- Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a valid permit
- Failure to plant and maintain trees in accordance with sound horticultural and arboriculture practices.

For a complete list see Bylaw 7321 Schedule B13.

See over →

## Tree Planting Guideline:



## Additional Sources of Tree Information:

- [www.treesaregood.com/treeowner/plantingatree.aspx](http://www.treesaregood.com/treeowner/plantingatree.aspx)
- BC Hydro Planting Near Power Lines (pamphlet)

## Questions:

If you have questions or require further information, please contact Tree Bylaw Staff by phone at 604-247-4684 or by email at [treeprotection@richmond.ca](mailto:treeprotection@richmond.ca).

*The Tree Protection Bylaw 8057 is available in its entirety at the City of Richmond website, [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca) or for a fee from Richmond City Hall.*