

Tree Approval Information Sheet

About this Information Sheet

This document explains when approval is required to remove or prune trees on private property within the City of Mandurah. It outlines the land types where approval applies, exemptions, and how to lodge an application.

This information sheet is provided as a general guide only and does not replace or override the requirements of the City of Mandurah Local Planning Scheme No. 12. For full details or clarification, please refer directly to the Scheme.

Where approval is required

Large Lot Residential Land

Residential zoned lots that are generally 1000 square metres in size or larger (which have an R-Code density of R10 or lower), approval is required for tree removal or major pruning where the tree is more than 3 metres from a building (measured from the main trunk).

Rural Land Rural Residential Land

All Rural zoned lots require a building envelope to contain all buildings. All vegetation outside the approved building envelope requires an approval unless required for a fire break or any other bushfire management plan approval or to access the approved building envelope.

Land Near Natural Wetlands

Approval is required to remove any tree within 100 metres of a wetland, regardless of the land size.

Tree Approval Areas

Some Structure Plans designate Tree Approval Areas. Where designated, approval is required for removal and major pruning,

Significant Trees

Approval is required for removal, major pruning and works likely to damage the tree or its root system for all trees listed in the Significant Tree Register.

The locations listed above are mapped within the online mapping tool under the 'town planning module'. Scroll down to the layers to show Tree Approval, or search for a property and it will identify if the lot requires a tree approval.

When approval is not required

Dead or Hazardous Trees

Approval is not required where a tree is dead or poses an immediate safety hazard.

Evidence is to be emailed to planning@mandurah.wa.gov.au no less than 10 business days prior to any scheduled works.

Proximity

The tree is within 3 metres of an approved or existing building and is not marked for retention as a requirements of a condition of development approval, local structure plan, detailed area or local development plan.

Routine Maintenance

Approval is not required for pruning of branches overhanging an approved building or for the clearance of driveways, footpaths, or service lines. Pruning of trees is to be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

How to apply

A Development Application (DA) must include:

- A site plan showing the exact tree/s location
- Photographs of the tree/s
- A written justification for removal or pruning
- An arborist report (if requested)

Applications for development approval are to be lodged through the City's online portal.

Assessment considerations

A development application for tree removal and/or pruning will consider the following elements in the assessment:

- Tree health and structural condition
- Environmental and landscape value
- Impacts on neighbours and streetscape
- Relevant local planning scheme requirements
- Whether alternatives to removal exist

Penalties

Unauthorised removal or major pruning may result in:

- Infringements
- Prosecution under the Planning and Development Act
- Requirements for replacement planting

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