

Removal of trees on private property

RESIDENT INFORMATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Tree protection measures apply to all private and public land within the Orange City Council area. These measures prohibit the pruning, cutting down, lopping, topping, ringbarking, removal or wilful destruction of any tree with a trunk size greater than 300mm at 1.4 height above ground level.

Council encourages alternatives to tree removal at all times.

No street trees, regardless of height, may be pruned, removed or otherwise altered.

No work on private trees will be carried out or paid for by Council.

To minimise any delay in receiving a decision about your application, please ensure you submit all relevant information.

You will receive notice once the application has been assessed.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

An application can be submitted by:

- The owner(s) of the tree(s)
- The tenant of the property where the tree(s) are located
- The neighbour - owner or tenant
- A body corporate
- A real estate company or strata manager

3. PROPOSED WORK

Provide details of the work you are requesting. If more space is required then please attach additional page(s).

4. SIGNIFICANT TREES/ HERITAGE AREAS

This form is applicable for minor tree works on significant and heritage trees. However, major works or removal of any trees in heritage areas will require a development application.

Species subject to Tree Preservation Order regardless of size are as follows:

- Apple Box (E. bridgesiana)
- Red Box (E. polyanthemos)
- Candlebark (E. rubida)Faborist
- Snow Gum (E. pauciflora)
- Arglye Apple (E. cinerea)
- Brittle Gum (E. mannifera)
- Red Stringybark (E. macrorhyncha)
- Grey Box (macrocarpa)
- Cabbage Gum (E. amplifolia)

If you are unsure of the status of your tree please contact Council's Customer Service on 6393 8000.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

To ensure Council can make an informed decision, please provide comprehensive and factual information with each application to remove a tree. Each tree is assessed in accordance with Council policies and based on its own merits. The site of the tree and neighbouring properties will also be taken into consideration.

Additional information may include, but is not limited to:

- Arborist's report
- Structural engineer's report
- Plumber's report
- Root excavation/exposure.

Please note the above information is general.

7. NOTIFICATION OF TREES PROPOSED FOR REMOVAL

No work can be undertaken until written approval has been granted by Council. If there are objections to the removal of a tree(s), they will be assessed against the merit of the application and within the scope of Council's tree management policies.

9. TREE PERMIT OR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION?

Occasionally, a development application and not a tree permit application will be required for the removal or substantial pruning of trees that are:

- listed as a heritage item; or form part of the landscape of a heritage item; or
- located in a heritage conservation zone and considered prominent due to height, size, position or age.

10. EXEMPT TREES

- Tree species listed below are exempt or classified as noxious and do not require an application to Council for pruning or removal:
- Radiata pine trees (Pinus radiata)
- Fruit trees (Malus sp, Prunus sp, Pyrus sp)
- Poplar trees of the following species (Populus nigra 'Italica', P deltoids, and P alba)
- Willow trees of the following species (Salix fragilis, S viminalis, and S alba)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Council's Customer Service on 6393 8000

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APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

You are not required to be at the property when the inspection is carried out, however access to the site should be available and clear markings placed on the tree. Please advise if you want to be contacted prior to inspection.

OWNER DETAILS & CONSENT (IF NOT THE APPLICANT)

Name:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Signature:

OWNERS CONSENT

If an application is being presented by a person other than the owner of the property, then written owners consent MUST be provided on the application form. If the tree is located on common property of a residential flat building or townhouse development, you must submit a written request from either the Body Corporate or the Managing Agent, together with either the minutes of a meeting or a letter signed by the majority of the owners consenting to the application.

DESCRIPTION OF TREE/S

Tree type/species:

Reason for removal:

Please attach additional information such as:

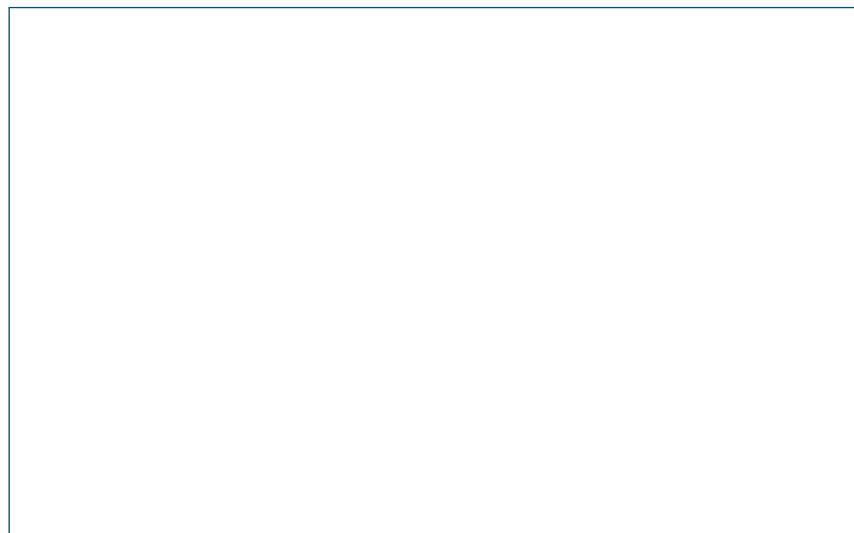
- Arborist's report
- Structural engineer's report
- Plumber's report
- Root excavation/exposure.

POSITION OF TREE/S

Please draw a sketch of your property showing clearly (1) the street, (2) the approximate location of all buildings in relation to property boundaries and (3) the tree that is being requested to be removed.

DECLARATION

- I apply for consent to carry out the work described in this application and acknowledge that no work can be carried out until a permit has been issued by Council.
- I declare that the information given is true and correct.
- I understand if the information supplied is incomplete the application may be delayed, rejected or further information requested.



APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE