



Trees are a valued community resource in Mountain View. They are an important component of civic infrastructure and part of the City's identity. The City of Mountain View has been committed to preserving its urban forest since 1960, when the City Council established tree care services. Trees provide our community with numerous benefits, including:

Energy Conservation

Tree canopies offer shade, add moisture to the air, and limit wind forces.

Improved Air Quality

Trees pull carbon dioxide from the air and reduce pollution.

Preserve Natural Habitat

Trees provide shelter and food for our wildlife.

Reduced Risks of Flooding

Trees pull stormwater into the ground and prevent soil erosion.

Better Quality of Life

Trees beautify neighborhoods and improve mental and physical health.

Mountain View values all trees, but we have special requirements for Heritage trees. A Heritage tree is defined as one of the following:

- Any tree with a trunk circumference of 48" or more, measured at 54" above the natural grade. Multi-trunk trees are measured just below the first major trunk fork.
- Any oak, redwood, or cedar tree with a circumference of 12" or more when measured 54" above natural grade.

The removal of a Heritage tree is only permitted when the tree meets the criteria outlined in the Heritage Tree Ordinance ([Chapter 32](#) of the Mountain View City Code (MVCC)), including the condition, location, necessity for construction, conforming use, and best practices. Chapter 32 can be referenced here: [MVCC Chapter 32](#).

Replanting requirements are based on project type and space available, with the majority requiring a 15-gallon tree replanted on-site for every Heritage tree removed. If replacement cannot be carried out on-site, the City will require in-lieu fees.

In Mountain View, we are committed to the preservation and enhancement of our trees. Thank you for your stewardship and thoughtful consideration regarding decisions related to trees. The future of Mountain View's urban forest depends on it.



APPLICATION FOR HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

Fee \$116 (\$58 each additional tree at same address)
For 5+ tree removals, please contact Community Development at 650-903-6407

City of Mountain View | Forestry Division
231 North Whisman Road, Mountain View, CA 94043
650-903-6273 | M-F 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location of Tree (address): _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Name of Property Owner (if different from applicant): _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

No. of Tree(s): _____ Type of Tree(s): _____ Circumference(s): _____

REASON FOR REMOVAL: _____

Please check all that apply:

CONDITION OF TREE

1. Tree is in poor health 2. Tree is in danger of falling 3. Tree is diseased with pests, insects, and/or beetles
4. Tree is near end of the life span 5. Tree is dead 6. Tree has poor structure and/or an unbalanced canopy

LOCATION OF TREE

7. Tree does not have proper growth space 8. Tree removal is necessary to construct improvements
9. Tree is interfering with utility services (power, gas, sewer, and/or water lines)
10. Tree is growing in close proximity to structures and causing damage (or will in the near future)

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE TREE PRIOR TO THIS REQUEST: _____

PROPOSED REPLANT PLAN (required) 15-gallon or 24" box tree at owner's expense (or in-lieu fee paid to City in some cases)

- Commercial Properties require a 24" box tree replant
- If you are unsure about a replant plan, we can help! Staff can provide information about species, location, and care to help with your mitigation plans. Give us a call at 650-903-6273.

No. of Trees to Replant: _____ Species: _____ Size: _____

Location of Replant: _____

Est. Timeline for Removal: _____

Est. Timeline for Replant: _____

I recognize that the City of Mountain View places a high value on the community urban forest, and I will observe City guidelines, codes, and master plans related to trees by agreeing to replant a tree(s) as jointly determined and agreed upon by the applicant/property owner and the City.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Property Owner's Printed Name and Signature required (wet signature)

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

- If the tree(s) is on common land, a letter from your HOA may be required.
- For construction-related projects, Heritage Tree Removal Permits will not be issued until all permits associated with the construction project have been paid and approved.
- In-person walk-in applications accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. OR by scheduling an appointment for Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.
- Applications cannot be processed without payment.

Please use box below to include a sketch of where the tree is located on the property (or attach separate piece of paper):