



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

from the City of Kirkland about **TREE CARE & REMOVAL**

*Trees are important to any community's character. In Kirkland, our urban forest is a valuable natural resource that is protected. As a property owner in Kirkland, you are responsible for ensuring trees on your private property and trees in the public right-of-way adjacent to your property are cared for and preserved according to City codes. The best way to ensure this is for property owners to submit a **Tree Removal/Pruning Request** prior to taking any action with trees.*

Before You Prune or Remove a Tree

Kirkland regulations require that a property owner submit a **Tree Removal/Pruning Request** with an arborist report prior to pruning or removal if:

- More than two (2) trees are removed within a 12-month period.
- The tree(s) is located in a sensitive area such as a native growth protection easement, stream bank or on a steep slope.*
- The tree(s) is located in the public right-of-way.
- The tree(s) is one or both of the last two (2) trees on a property.*

**The City requires replacement plantings for trees removed in critical areas or if the removed tree(s) is one or both of the last two trees on a property.*

Photos, rather than an arborist report, may be sufficient for your request to prune or remove trees with obvious defects, diseases, or are causing physical damage to property.

City Approval of Your Tree Removal Request

There is no fee to submit your **Tree Removal/Pruning Request**. City approval will not be granted to prune or remove public trees solely for the purpose of enhancing views. Should pruning and/or removal occur without prior approval from the City, you may be subject to restoration, fines, or both.

To Learn More or for Assistance

For tree regulations and to download the **Tree Removal/Pruning Request** form, go to www.ci.kirkland.wa.us and search "trees and landscaping." For assistance, call the Planning & Community Development Department at 425-587-3225.