



# City of Port Moody

## Tree Replacement

### Tree Protection Bylaw, No. 3507, 2025

Under the Port Moody Tree Protection Bylaw, two (2) trees must be planted for each one (1) tree removed. Replacement trees should be planted on the same land as the tree removed, unless this is not feasible or practical.

If replanting on the same land is not feasible, the General Manager may agree to the Owner paying a monetary amount in lieu of replacement trees.

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### Acceptable Type/Size of Replacement Tree

Replacement trees must be the following size:

- **Deciduous tree species** – 5cm caliper or greater
- **Coniferous tree species** – minimum 1.5m tall

The following **will not** be accepted as a replacement tree: hedges, dwarf varieties, shrub species, palm trees, weeping species.

### Tree Selection Guidelines

Replacement trees should be selected based on the City's Climate Resilient Landscaping Standards (CRLS), which aims to design biodiverse and sustainable gardens. The City's CRLS can be found at [portmoody.ca/naturescape](http://portmoody.ca/naturescape).

### Replacement Tree Locations

Trees must be planted on the site where the tree cutting permit was issued, unless a monetary amount in lieu of replacement trees has been agreed upon.

### Spacing

Trees must be spaced:

- **At least 1m away from:**
  - all property lines
  - underground utilities
  - hardscaping such as driveway, patio, walkways, and retaining walls
- **At least 3m away from:**
  - BC Hydro lines
  - the house, garage, pool, deck, or other permitted outbuildings
- From existing trees and other replacement trees in accordance with this table:

Tree Size	Minimum Spacing
Small	2.0 metres
Medium	4.0 metres
Large	6.0 metres

### Minimum Soil Volume

Trees must be planted in the appropriate soil volume, in accordance with this table:

Tree Size	Minimum Soil Volume (without irrigation)	Minimum Soil Volume (with Irrigation)
Small	10 cubic metres	8 cubic metres
Medium	20 cubic metres	15 cubic metres
Large	35 cubic metres	30 cubic metres



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**Do you need more information?**



604.469.4540



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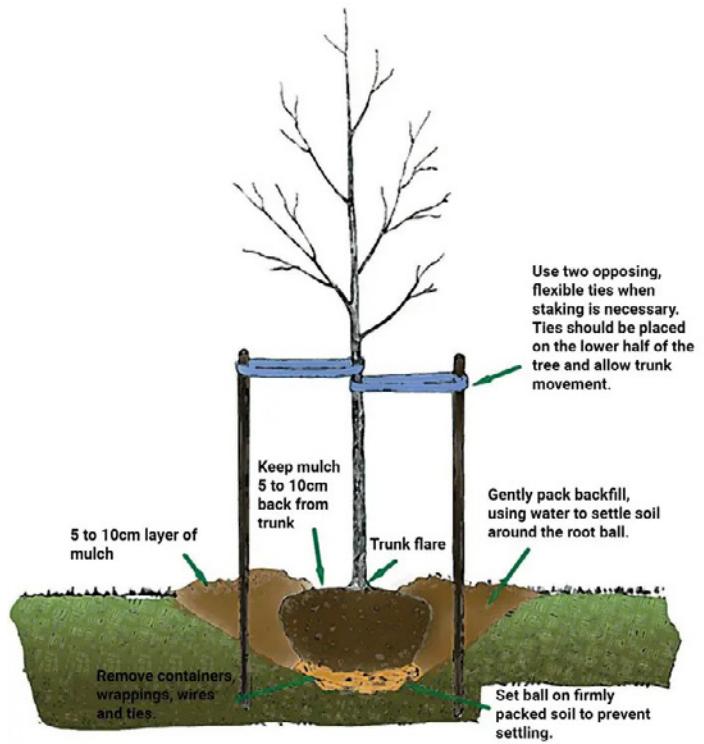
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## Tree Planting

1. The trunk flare is where the trunk expands at the base of the tree. Ensure the trunk flare is partially visible after the tree is planted. Remove excess soil prior to planting if the flare is not visible.
2. Dig a shallow, broad planting hole. Holes should be 2–3 times wider than the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball.
3. If wrapped, remove any cover from around the root ball and trunk to facilitate root growth.
4. Place the tree at the proper height. When placing the tree in the hole, lift by the root ball, not the trunk.
5. Straighten the tree in the hole. Before filling the hole, have someone examine the tree from several angles to confirm it is straight.
6. Fill the hole gently. Pack soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Fill the hole firmly to eliminate air pockets. Further reduce air pockets by watering periodically while backfilling. Avoid fertilizing at the time of planting.
7. Mulch the base of the tree. Place a 2–3 inches (5–7.5 cm) layer of mulch, do not pile much right against the trunk. A mulch-free area of 1–2 inches (2.5–5 cm) wide at the base of the tree reduces moist bark and prevents decay

Visit [treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org) for more information on replacement trees

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### Care After Planting:

Provide follow-up care. Keep the soil moist by watering it at least once a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot, windy weather. Continue until mid-fall, tapering off as lower temperatures require less-frequent watering

## Security Refunds

Securities are collected to ensure that the replacement trees are planted and maintained in accordance with the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or the British Columbia Landscape Nursery Associate (BCLNA). If replacement trees are planted and maintained in a satisfactory manner, the security deposit collected by the City will be released in the following stages:

1. 50% to be released after completion of all required planting of Replacement Trees, following the completion of the first tree inspection to verify all trees have been planted.
2. The remaining 50% to be released two years after the date their planting was completed, following the completion of the second tree inspection to verify all trees have survived.

## Replacement Tree Inspections

The owner is responsible for contacting [planning@portmoody.ca](mailto:planning@portmoody.ca) or 604.469.4540 to book a replacement tree inspection. Two inspections are required.

- **1st inspection** – when the replacement tree(s) is/are planted
- **2nd inspection** – two years after the first inspection