

PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW FAQs

1. How many trees can I remove without a permit?

Property owners can remove 2 trees of any size in a calendar year

2. When do I need a tree permit?

A tree permit is required for the removal of 3 or more trees greater than 15cm

3. Do I need a permit to prune my private tree?

No tree permit is required pruning private trees in accordance with good arboricultural practices

4. Whom does the private tree by-law affect?

All private property owners in Mississauga

5. How is the by-law enforced?

Through a permit process and complaints managed by City of Mississauga Tree Officers

6. Do I need a tree permit for dead trees?

Yes, a tree permit is required for the removal of 3 or more dead trees with a diameter greater than 15cm; however no permit fee will be applied for dead trees.

7. What are other municipalities doing?

Multiple municipalities have a private tree by-law often requiring a permit for a single tree over a set diameter to be removed. Toronto, Oakville, Burlington and Ottawa to name a few