

effect of the removal as it pertains to shade, privacy between properties, and scenic beauty of the area;

7. Possible visual impacts within a Town-identified Major Ridgeline or Scenic Hillside Area.

## WHAT IF THE TREE IS CAUSING A NEIGHBOR DISPUTE?

The Town does not typically require private trees to be removed or trimmed to resolve neighbor disputes. Disputes regarding branches hanging over property lines, roots damaging fences, or impacts on pools are all civil matters.

It is recommended that neighbors try to communicate with each other to work out their disputes. *Neighbor Law*, by Cora Jordan is a resource that can help when researching the legal aspects of tree impacts on private property. If the matter cannot be resolved through communication, the parties may choose to use the services of mediation or a civil court process.

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### Town of Danville

# TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

*Small Town Atmosphere,  
Outstanding Quality of Life*



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## WHAT TREES REQUIRE A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT ?

**Protected Trees:** Any of the following native trees having a single trunk or main stem 10 inches or greater in diameter or multiple trunk trees with tree trunks totaling 20 inches in diameter, measured 4-1/2 feet above natural grade:

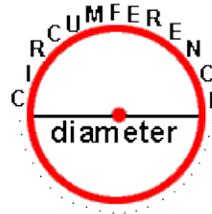
- Blue Oak (Quercus Doulgassi)
- California Bay (Umbellularia California)
- California Black Oak (Quercus Kelloggi)
- California Buckeye (Aesculus Californica)
- California Sycamore (Platanus Racemosa)
- Canyon Live Oak (Quercus Chrysol)
- Coast Live Oak (Quercus Agrifolia)
- Interior Live Oak (Quercus Wislizenii)
- Madrone (Arbutus Menziesii)
- London Plane Tree (Plantanus Acerifolia)
- Valley Oak (Quercus Lobata)
- White Alder (Alnus Rhombifolia)

**Heritage Tree:** Any single trunked tree, regardless of species, which has a trunk diameter of 36 inches or greater, measured 4-1/2 feet above natural grade.

**Memorial Trees:** A tree planted on public property in memory of or commemoration of an individual or individuals.

## HOW DO I MEASURE THE DIAMETER?

- Start the measurement 4-1/2 feet above natural grade.
- Measure the circumference (C) of the tree and divide by 3.14 to obtain the diameter (D).
- $D = C/3.14$



## WHY DO I NEED A TREE PERMIT?

The Town recognizes that the preservation of trees sustains the natural beauty, significance, and long term potential increase in property values which encourages quality development.

## HOW TO OBTAIN PERMIT APPROVAL?

In order to issue a Tree Removal Permit, the Town will consider the following criteria upon receipt of a complete tree removal application:

1. The condition of the tree(s) with respect to its health, imminent danger of falling, proximity to existing structures, and interference with utility infrastructure.
2. The necessity to remove the tree(s) to allow for the reasonable use, enjoyment, or development of the property;
3. The age and size of the protected tree with regard to the appropriate size of the area in which the tree is planted. And if removal would encourage healthy, more vigorous growth of other plant materials in the area;
4. Planning Commission may authorize removal if The tree(s) is unreasonably adversely impacting the use of the property. Mitigation would be required;
5. The effect of the removal in relation to soil erosion and surface water flow;
6. The number of species, size, and location of other protected trees in the area and the