

Appendix A - Jurisdiction Scan

Municipality	Permit required to remove a tree?	Application Fee and Requirements	Fine(s) for removing tree without permit	Timeframes for processing	Exceptions to permit requirements	Notes
YORK REGION						
Markham	Yes	No; also no fees for inspections or appeals	Min.-Max. fine: \$500 - \$100,000	Usually 2 weeks, but can be from 3 weeks to a month if high volume	No permit for trees less than 20cm DBH at 1.37 m	Permit required for dead, dying, diseased, hazard trees, for Emergency Work, and for works relating to a Property Standards Order
		No arborist report required, Arborist on staff	Continuing offence: Min.-Max. fine \$500-\$10,000 per day; not limited to \$100,000 for total of all daily fines	Maximum is 30 days	No permit for pruning, etc. under Good Arboricultural Practice	
		Conducts on-site inspections	Multiple offences: Min.-Max. fine \$500-\$10,000 for each offence; not limited to \$100,000 for total all fines for each offence		Tree management plans for larger tracts of lands may supersede necessity for permit	Permit required for removal related to infill construction
			Special fines may be applicable for economic gain or advantage from the offence; unlimited amount			Gives discounted price for cash-in-lieu, \$300 instead of \$600 (looking to change that)
Richmond Hill	Yes	Yes, \$150 for first tree and \$50 for each additional tree to a maximum of \$400 (may be waived for those below LICO) Requires certification	Min. fine: \$300 Continuing offence: Min.-Max. fine \$500-\$10,000 per day; not limited to \$100,000 for total of all daily fines	Legally, 45 days Typically, 10-15 days* *depending on work load	No permit required for trees lees than 20cm DBH No permit required for emergency work, etc.	Permit required for exemption For trees that are dead, diseased (including EAB) or hazardous, you need approval from

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		from Arborist Conduct on-site inspection	Multiple offences: Min.-Max. fine \$500-\$10,000 for each offence; not limited to \$100,000 for total all fines for each offence Special fines may be applicable for economic gain or advantage from the offence; unlimited amount		Trees on development sites – Site Plan submissions include Tree Inventory and Preservation Plans	Commissioner, and an Arborist Certificate from a certified arborist or Professional Forester confirming that the tree is dead, diseased or hazardous
King	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Only permit required (RMY) for trees part of a woodlot or woodland	When dead, dying, decayed, or considered a danger, trees must be trimmed and pruned to a safe maintained state or cut down in accordance with the Clean Yards By-law
East Gwillimbury	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Only permit required (RMY) for trees part of a woodlot or woodland	None
Georgina	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Only permit required (RMY) for trees part of a woodlot or woodland	Removal of dead trees (presumably also dying or hazardous trees) may be ordered
Aurora	Yes, with exceptions	Yes, scaled fee 3 trees: \$204.25 4 trees: \$306.30 5 trees: \$4-8.40	Persons: a) First conviction, not more than \$10,000 or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater;	Up to 30 days	No permit required for removal of trees less than 20cm DBH	Can remove 2 trees between 20cm and 70cm on private property in 12 month

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		6 trees: \$510.50 7 trees: \$612.60 8+ trees: \$102.10 per additional tree to max. of \$2,552.50 Trees over 70cm in diameter: \$510.50 per tree May be waived at discretion of Director Arborist report may be required	and b) Subsequent conviction, not more than \$20,000 or \$2,500 per tree, whichever is greater.		Permit required for any tree with DBH greater than 70cm Permit required for any heritage tree Permit not required for pruning, Emergency Work, work under Order, trees on a Golf Course, etc.	period (reduced from 4) without permit Can remove 2 trees between 20cm and 70cm per 0.25 ha on larger private properties in 12 mo. period without permit Dead, diseased, or hazard trees require permit (Arborist certificate or report and application) but are exempt from fee
Vaughan	Yes	Yes, processing fee of \$64 for 5 trees or less and \$115 for more than five trees (and construction or infill) Arborist report required	Persons: a) First conviction, not more than \$10,000 or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater; and b) Subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 or \$2,500 per tree, whichever is greater.	Thirty (30) days	No permit required for trees less than 20cm diameter at base No permit required for emergency work, pruning, etc.	Application for Five Trees or Less and separate for 5+ and construction related Dead, hazardous, or dying from EAB - permit required, exempt from fee
Whitchurch-Stouffville	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Only permit required (RMY) for trees part of a woodlot or woodland	Draft of by-law for protection/maintenance of trees on public

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						property going to Council May 21 st No plans to regulate trees on private property?
Guelph	Yes	Yes, \$122 Site visits conducted Arborist report may be required	Min.-Max. fine: \$500-\$100,000 Person: a) First conviction: not more than \$10,000 or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater b) Subsequent conviction: not more than \$25,000 or \$2,500 per tree whichever is greater	About 1 mo. If tree is dead or dying but poses little to no risk to safety or accessibility, permit will be placed further back on list	No permit required for trees on lots smaller than 0.2 ha (0.5 a), for trees measuring less than 10 cm DBH. at 1.4 m, for trees that could not have reached a height of at least 4.5m from the ground at physiological maturity No permit required for dead or dying trees, trees posing danger to life or property, or trees impacted by unforeseen causes or natural events	Dead, dying, or hazardous trees require a certificate issued by an Arborist confirming justification Other notes for trees on University property, Gold Courses, etc.
Toronto	Yes	Yes: Non-construction related: Private tree = \$118.68/tree, boundary/neighbor	Min.-Max. fine: \$500.00-\$100,000.00 per tree; and a special fine of \$100,000.00 (under subsection 370 (1) (d)	2-4 weeks	No permit required for trees less than 30 cm DBH at 1.4 m Permit required for any	None

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		tree =\$ 247.73/tree Construction: Related: Private tree = \$355.02/tree, boundary/neighbor tree = \$743.21/tree Application fees may be waived Arborist report required Site visits are conducted prior to issuance	of the City of Toronto Act, 2006).		vegetation/tree in area regulated by Ravine and Natural Feature Protection By-law Tress that are terminally diseased, dead, imminently hazardous trees, and/or engaged in emergency work require certification from the General Manager	
Oakville	Yes	Yes, \$50 for first tree sized 15-24cm DBH removed in 12 mo. period, \$340 for each additional tree sized 15-24cm DBH or for each tree larger than 24cm DBH If tree removal is a result of a development	Min.-Max. fine: \$400-\$100,000 Continuing offence: Min.-Max. fine is \$400-\$10,000 per day; total of all daily fines for the offence is not limited to \$100,000	About 25 days "It can take up to 5 business days for a tree inspector to schedule a consultation/site visit with the applicant after the request has been made. It will then	No permit required for trees measuring less than 15 cm in diameter No permit required, though must notify Town ASAP, for Emergency tree removal (immediate risk for the tree (or part) to cause serious injury or damage to people or	Dead and high risk trees, Ash trees, and buckthorn require permit (also Arborist report and photos) but are exempt from fees Any hedges with stems that measure 15 cm or more in diameter require permit

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		application, second tree 15-24cm DBH and any trees greater than 24cm are \$720 Application fees may be waived Arborist report required for any high risk tree, may be necessary otherwise On-site consultation conducted		take approximately 25 business days to review and process an application after the Forestry department receives all the required documentation.”	property)	Security deposit - Tree replacement and security deposit may be a condition of removal. The security deposit will be refunded once a final inspection of the replacement plantings is complete.
Barrie	No (see exceptions)	N/A	On a first conviction, to a fine not more than \$10,000 or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater; and On any subsequent conviction, to a fine not more than \$25,000 or \$2,500 per tree, whichever is greater.	N/A	Permit required for trees that are part of a woodlot (forested area) of half-acre in size or larger and for trees part of a development application	None
Brampton	Yes	Yes, \$50 Arborist Report may be required by Commissioner	Max. fine: \$100,000 Continuing offence: Max. fine is \$10,000 per day; the total of all daily fines for the offence is not limited to	Up to 30 days	Permit not required for trees less than 30 cm DBH at 1.37 m Dead or hazardous trees do not require	None

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			\$100,000; Multiple offences: Max. fine is \$10,000 per offence; the total of all fines for each offence is not limited to \$100,000 Special fine may be applied for aggravating factors; can exceed \$100,000 or other maximums		permit, but City asks for notification Permit not required for trees located within 2 meters of an occupied building, Injury to trees where necessary for emergency work, etc.	
Pickering	Yes	Yes, \$100 For dead, dangerous, diseased or severely injured trees: Free if has report from a certified arborist; \$25 if City's arborist is required to inspect to confirm the compromised state of the tree	First conviction: fine not more than \$10,000 or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater Subsequent conviction: fine not more than \$25,000 or \$2,500 per tree, whichever is greater	Typically within a few weeks – dependent on scheduling and availability of By-law staff and arborist	Permit not required for: trees less than 25 mm DBH at 1.5m in protection area; trees not located in the designated protection area; dead, dangerous, diseased or severely injured trees or stumps, in accordance with good forestry practices; Ash trees in relation to the EAB infestation	They stipulate: No tree removal is permitted prior the submission and approval of a Tree Inventory Report and Preservation Plan which is required as part of all draft plan of subdivision, zoning, land division or site plan approval submissions