

# TREE GUIDE: HOW TO SAVE A TREE IN SEATTLE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE



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### STEP 1 Keep Alert!

URGENT?? Concerned about a tree during construction?  
Call Seattle Code Compliance at 206-615-0808 If not  
urgent, email [SCI\\_Code\\_Compliance@seattle.gov](mailto:SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov)  
[www.seattle.gov/trees/illegalCutting.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/trees/illegalCutting.htm)

- ✓ Household Moving? Property for Sale?
- ✓ Notice Signs on Trees?
- ✓ Small Yellow or Large White Notice sign in front?

### STEP 2 Check on Records

- ✓ Look online at 'King County Parcel Viewer'
- ✓ Public Records Request (30-days turnaround)

### STEP 3 Check on Permits & Codes

- ✓ Online, go to SDCI EDMS and enter address(es)
- ✓ Online, go to Titles 23 and 25 of the Municipal Code

### STEP 4 Inquire with a Consultant

- ✓ Send an inquiry to TreePAC, Plant Amnesty (pruning and replant), or your local Tree Keeper's group.
- ✓ Engage an arborist to identify Exceptional and Tree Groves

### STEP 5 Contact City Reps

- ✓ Write an email request to [PRC@Seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@Seattle.gov)
- ✓ Write to SDCI planner at [first.lastname@seattle.gov](mailto:first.lastname@seattle.gov)
- ✓ Street R.O.W. tree: write [DOT\\_LA@Seattle.gov](mailto:DOT_LA@Seattle.gov)

- ✓ Consult with architect and land-use attorney
- ✓ Appeal with Seattle Office of Hearing Examiner

If needed: Legal  
Challenge

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