

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



DDOT SPECIAL/HERITAGE TREE vs. STREET TREE PERMITTING PROCESS

	SPECIAL TREES	STREET TREES
SIZE	<p><u>Special Tree</u> - between 44 and 100 inches circumference</p> <p><u>Heritage Tree</u>** - circumference of 100 inches or more</p>	no size restriction
APPLICATION	https://tops.ddot.dc.gov - select Special Tree Removal Permit	https://tops.ddot.dc.gov - select Construction/Excavation Permit, Landscaping
REVIEW PERIOD	40 days from date assigned	15 business days from date assigned
COMPENSATION	Non-Hazardous	payment @ \$200 per inch diameter (select Tree Removal)
	Hazardous	planting new tree(s) @ 1-to-1 ratio (select Replacement Tree)
	Exempt Species	does not apply
PROCESS	measure at 4½ feet above the ground	measure at 4½ feet above the ground
	<p>Submit a plan (e.g. existing conditions, demolition or erosion & sediment control) showing all special trees to be removed. Plan should include the location, species, and size of each tree. Planting is not an option to compensate for special tree removals; see compensation requirements above.</p> <p>**Refer to the Tree Canopy Protection Amendment Act of 2016 for the definition and protection of Heritage Trees.</p>	<p>Submit a plan showing all street trees to be removed and their size (diameter). Planting is not an option to compensate for healthy street tree removals; see compensation requirements above.</p> <p>New tree plantings shall be considered part of the overall public space streetscape improvement. New street trees shall be planted as per current DDOT Green Infrastructure Standards.</p>

Please call DDOT Urban Forestry Administration at 202-671-5133 should there be any further questions.

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