WHEN DO I NEED A TREE PERMIT?

Start Here

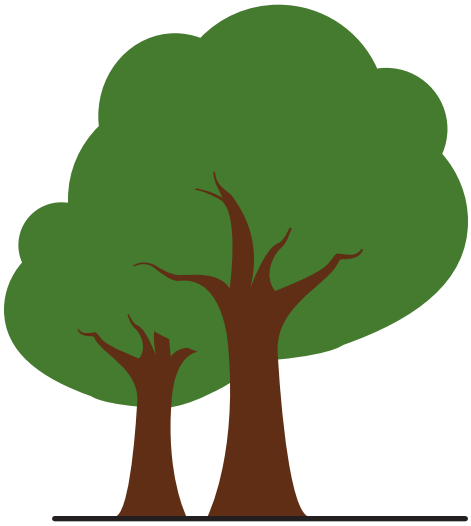
Is the tree on your property?
- No → Is the tree on public property?
  - Yes → Contact Urban Forester
  - No → Contact Property Owner
- Yes → Is the tree in a critical area or shoreline?
  - Yes → Apply for Permit
  - No → Is the tree under 6 inches diameter?
    - Yes → No Permit Required
    - No → Is the tree exceptional? BMC 19.26.040
      - Yes → Apply for Permit
      - No → Does the lot meet the minimum tree credits? BMC 19.26.050
        - No → Apply for Permit
        - Yes → Is the tree removal over the tree removal allowance? BMC 19.26.060
          - Yes → Apply for Permit
          - No → No Permit Required

See the Residential Tree Removal & Replacement Fact Sheet for how to measure a tree (BMC 19.10.341).

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