

# INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PRIVATE TREE BYLAW & TREE PROTECTION

Did you know an arborist report is required for all development applications? It provides a tree inventory and tree protection plan required for the site.

Also, a Permit is required from Urban Forestry prior to starting work that can injure or requires removal of a tree protected under the bylaw; Trees with a diameter of 30 cm or more on private property and within ravine protected areas must be protected by a tree protection zone; The tree protection zone must be erected to the satisfaction of Urban Forestry before ANY construction commences, including site excavation.

The tree protection zone is NOT a storage area for debris, building materials and equipment; The tree protection zone must remain on the site and be maintained in good repair until Urban Forestry authorizes its' removal; A tree protection sign that meets the requirements of Urban Forestry must be posted on all sides of the tree protection zone; The property owner must confirm that no migratory birds are nesting on the site prior to undertaking disturbance of the land.



*An arborist report can provide additional information that can impact development plans. A number of species are designated as Species at Risk under both Federal and Provincial laws. In Ontario, two tree species classified as endangered, the Butternut and Red Mulberry are natives of the Carolinian forest, an area which runs from Oshawa to Sarnia and south to the shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The Ontario Endangered Species Act provides additional protection to trees such as the Butternut and Red Mulberry.*

See Arborist Report for Development Applications:

<https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/pdf/trees/arborist-report-for-development-applications.pdf>

Protection Policy and Specifications for Construction Near Trees:

<https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/pdf/trees/tree-protection-specs.pdf> For violations, call 311 or contact the Scarborough Forestry at 416 396-5131 follow this link to page 18

[https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/94f3-parks\\_forestry\\_recreation.pdf](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/94f3-parks_forestry_recreation.pdf)

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