

# Tree protection plans and bylaws.

## Protecting Calgary's trees



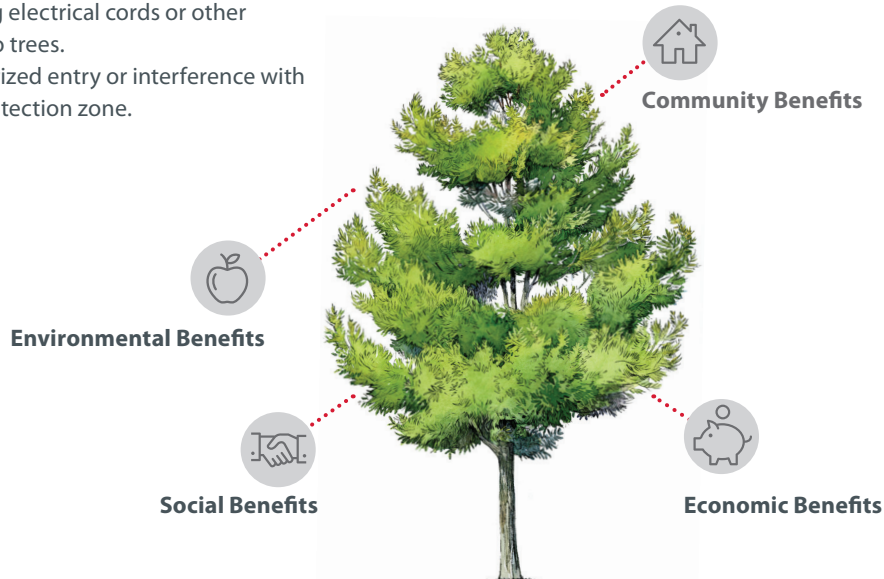
All public (city-owned) trees are protected under bylaw.

**Tree Protection Bylaw prohibits:**

- Cutting, removing, moving or pruning of City trees.
- Penetrating the bark or attaching any object to City trees (ex: signs, swings, clotheslines, slacklines).
- Planting trees or shrubs on City land.
- Spraying trees with any substance - except water.
- Attaching electrical cords or other objects to trees.
- Unauthorized entry or interference with a tree protection zone.

**Why protect trees?**

- Trees clean our air and water.
- They insulate in winter, cool in summer.
- Trees retain and filter storm water and reduce erosion.
- They promote and support urban biodiversity.
- Trees beautify our communities and create a strong sense of neighbourhood.
- They increase your property value.
- City trees belong to all of us, they're a shared investment.

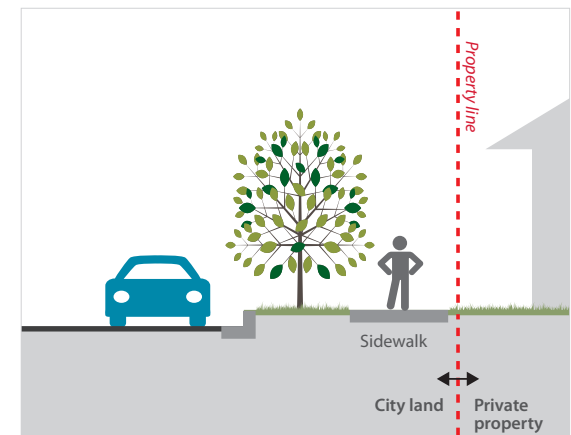
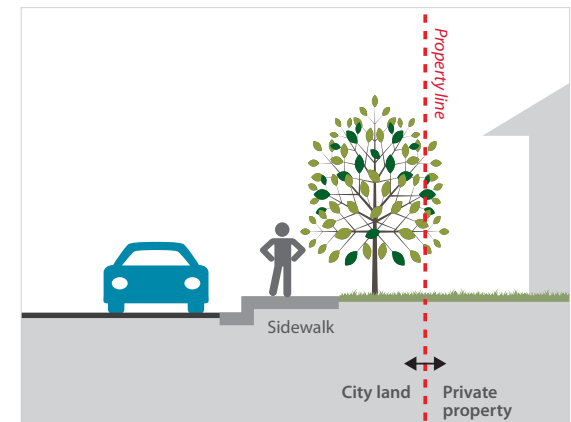


## Public or private tree?



All trees along boulevards and inside the Right-of-way belong to The City and are protected by the **Tree Protection Bylaw**.

**A public tree includes any part of its trunk located on City lands.**



## Building or developing a property?



A Tree Protection Plan (TPP) is needed if work is within six meters of a public tree. A TPP shows how the work will be done and how you're protecting City trees.

Any activity that changes the soil (compaction, excavation or altering the grade) or disturbs branches, trunk or roots is extremely damaging. Trees can take up to 10 years to show signs of decline, so we need to be proactive.

**Removing or pruning a tree without authorization or securing objects to a public tree can carry fines up to \$10,000. Failure to follow the approved Tree Protection Plan can result in a \$500 fine.**

For more on Tree Protection plans, call 311 or visit [calgary.ca/trees](http://calgary.ca/trees).

