

# Permits for trees/vegetation on private property



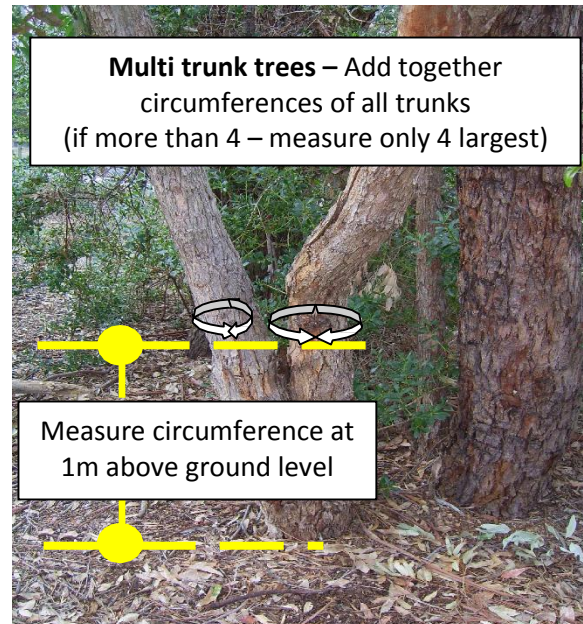
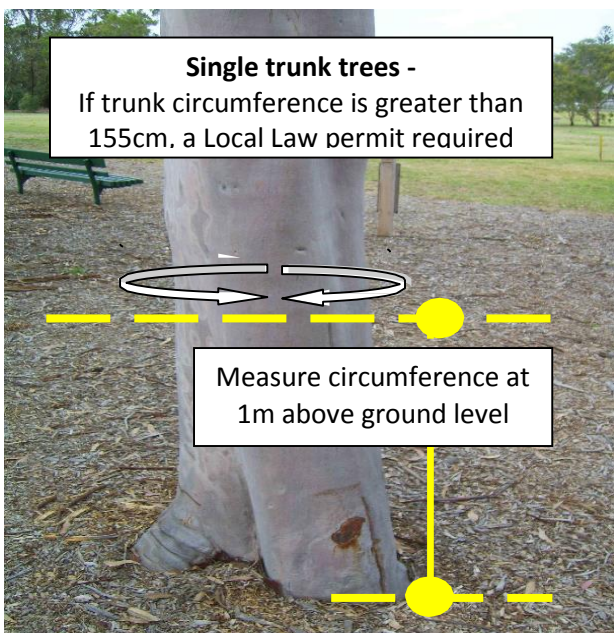
## Do you need a permit to prune or remove vegetation on private property?

To prune or remove trees on private property you may require a Local Law permit, Planning permit or Planning amendment. Information about different types of permits is provided below.

### Local Law permit

A permit is required to prune or remove:

- a tree with a single or combined trunk circumference greater than 155 cm measured at 1m above ground level.
- a tree listed on Council's Register of Significant Trees
- a tree planted in accordance with the replacement planting condition of a Local Law permit



A **Local Law permit** is not required if the work meets the following **exemptions**:

- A permit is not required to prune a tree if the work is to be carried out by an arborist trained to AQF Level 3 in Arboriculture, or above, or equivalent recognised and relevant experience that enables them to perform the tasks required by Australian Standard No. 4373, 2007 *Pruning of Amenity Trees*.  
The contractor must certify his work, including photographs before and after work.
- In an emergency, any tree or part of a tree that is an immediate threat to life and or property may be removed.
- Any tree is exempt from protection if it is of a species which is a Victorian State Government declared noxious weed species as listed in Schedule 2 of Local Law No. 2.

**For further information on Local Law tree permits please contact Council on 9599 4626 or visit [www.bayside.vic.gov.au](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au)**

## Planning permit

**Native vegetation** in Beaumaris, Black Rock, Cheltenham (South of Park Road), and the South side of Edward Street Sandringham is protected by the Planning Scheme Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO3)



In this area, a planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation native to Australia which is -

- more than 2 metres high and
- has a **single** trunk circumference greater than 0.5 metre at a height of 1 metre above ground level.

## Planning amendments

Where a planning permit for construction has been issued (eg multi-unit sites) the vegetation on the property is generally protected by the planning permit. To remove any vegetation, a planning amendment is required.

**For further information on planning permits and amendments please contact Council on 9599 4444 or visit [www.bayside.vic.gov.au](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au)**