

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TREE REMOVAL
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If the City of Seattle establishes a permit system for tree removal work on lots that are not undergoing development, the Urban Forestry Commission recommends the following professional standards be included in the requirements to obtain a removal permit. The goals of these standards are to increase the level of professionalism among those doing the actual tree removal work, and to protect property owners and the general public from sub-standard performance by hired tree service contractors.

- The tree or landscaper service company must have a current City of Seattle business license and a Washington State Contractor's license
- The company shall have a current certificate of liability insurance on file with the City.
- Companies with employees shall show proof of worker coverage from the Washington Department of Labor and Industries
- Companies shall comply with the American National Standards Institute, (ANSI), Z133 safety requirements for arboricultural operations, especially for tree removal and personal protective equipment, (PPE).
- Companies shall comply with city traffic control and pedestrian protection guidelines, when applicable.
- Companies shall be knowledgeable of city regulations affecting the removal of trees from environmentally critical areas, (ECA's).
- Companies shall provide at least one employee who is an ISA Certified Arborist on each tree removal work site.