

Gosford Council

TREE REMOVAL REGULATIONS

SUMMARY

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Can I remove a tree without a council permit?

Yes, but under certain conditions

Under what conditions?

Tree can be removed without council approval if:

- 1) They are smaller than 3m high
- 2) Dead trees
- 3) Fallen trees due to storm or other
- 4) Trees within three (3) metres of an approved building.
- This distance is to be measured one (1) metre above ground level and between the face of the wall and the part of the trunk nearest the building.
- 5) The 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice

This means owners of properties within the entitlement area can remove any tree (over a height of three metres) that is within 10 metres of a habitable dwelling, or any vegetation under three metres (such as shrubs and plants) that is within 50 metres of a habitable dwelling, without requiring consent.

Vegetation may only be cleared in accordance with the 10/50 rules as set out in the Code of Practice.

What about Pruning?

Tree can be pruned without council approval if:

- 1) They are smaller than 3m high
- 2) Removing dead branches
- 3) Trees within three (3) metres of an approved building.
- This distance is to be measured one (1) metre above ground level and between the face of the wall and the part of the trunk nearest the building.
- 4) Power line clearance
- 5) Roof or building clearance

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How to apply for a tree removal permit

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Go to the above online form and fill it out to make a formal request for tree removal approval.

Exempt trees

There are trees that can be removed no matter what their size or condition as they are considered a pest by your local council. The above listed conditions do not apply.

Does my council have an exempt tree list?

Yes, see table below

Common Name	Botanical name	Identify reference
Cocos Palm/ Queen Palm	Syagrus romanzoffiana	https://goo.gl/GfNcgU
Coral Tree	Erythrina x sykesii	https://goo.gl/XsND6F
Camphor laurel	Cinnamomum camphora	https://goo.gl/91WU9C
Golden Cypruss	Xanthocyparis vietnamensis	https://goo.gl/tmWepG
Umbrella Tree	Schefflera actinophylla	https://goo.gl/PC7dXX
all types of willow	Salix species	https://goo.gl/92LqWL
Radiata pine monterey pines	Pinus radiata	https://goo.gl/J9omuk
Rubber Tree	Ficus elastica	https://goo.gl/jHNCsn

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Gosford City Tree Preservation order - TPO

The above is a summary for your local Councils tree preservation order. Please follow the link for the full document.

<http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/docs/default-source/building-and-development---da-process/tree-preservation-order---link.pdf>

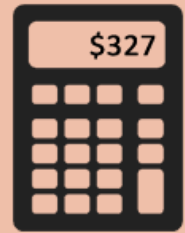
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This is a summary of the stated councils Tree Preservation Orders. The above information was accurate at the time of posting, but you should always check with council before removing trees if you are unsure. The above information deals with trees on private property.