

Pittwater Council

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# TREE REMOVAL REGULATIONS

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SUMMARY

# TREE REMOVAL PENRITH COUNCIL REGULATIONS



## Can I remove a tree in Pittwater Council without a council permit?

Yes, but under certain conditions

### Under what conditions?

Tree maybe be removed without council permit if;

You do not require Council permission to remove trees on your property where the tree is;

- 1) Under 5 metres in height
- 2) On the Exempt Tree Species List.
- 3) In an area in which the Council has authorised their removal as part of a hazard reduction program, where that removal is necessary in order to manage risk
- 4) Required to be removed under other legislation (including the NSW Rural Fires Act 1997 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979)
- 5) Under 10/50 Legislation some clearing of vegetation is allowed if your property is mapped in the 10/50 entitlement area.
- 6) Removed by Rural Fire Services because they pose or will pose a significant threat to access along required fire trails or to human life, buildings or other property during a bushfire
- 7) The removal of a tree, where the base of the trunk of the tree at ground level, is located within two metres of an existing approved building (not including decks, pergolas, sheds, patios or the like, even if they are attached to a building).
- 8) The removal of trees which are considered a high risk / imminent danger certified by a Level 5 qualified arborist. These trees can be removed without Council consent by the owner of the tree subject to the owner obtaining written confirmation from the arborist that clearly states:
- 9) Anything on the Bio security species listing

10) Dead trees

11) As a result of a storm have fallen or partially fallen and still present a danger (photos required)

12) The removal of hedges (unless required by conditions of a development consent)

“Hedge” means groups of two or more trees that:

(a) are planted (whether in the ground or otherwise) so as to form a hedge, and

(b) rise to a height of at least 2.5 metres (above existing ground level).

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## 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?

Please refer to the PDF here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8v4peng> for a full list of trees that can be removed without approval.

## How to apply for a tree removal permit

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/forms>

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

## Pittwater Council contact details

Phone: 1300434434

Mailing Address: PO Box 1336 Dee Why NSW 2099

Website: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/>

## Pittwater Tree Preservation order - TPO

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

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/planning-development/tree-management/private-land>

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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.