



Summer Village of Grandview

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Guideline for Tree Management

Trees in the Village

Trees help to stabilize the land surrounding the lake and aid in deterring algae-producing nutrients from flowing into the lake waters. Trees also absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and exchange it for oxygen. Therefore, the Summer Village of Grandview supports efforts to plant, nurture, and maintain trees in the Village.

Removing trees from your property

Property owners are permitted under Bylaw ### (the Land Use Bylaw) to remove dead or dying trees that pose an imminent threat to property. No Development Permit is required in these limited circumstances, but residents are encouraged to plant a replacement. However, any clearing of trees or bushes for other purposes (e.g., to improve the view, to make space for a building, or to allow for easier vehicle or pedestrian access) does require a Development Permit. The Development Officer, before approving a tree-removal permit, will weigh the relative benefits against the relative harm. A permit to remove trees or other vegetation may include a condition that replacement trees or vegetation is planted.

Damage from fallen trees

Canadian courts have determined that if a tree growing on one property falls and damages a neighbor's property, the owner of the tree is not responsible for the damage unless he/she negligently ignored clear evidence or valid notification that the tree posed a danger. Damage from a fallen tree is normally covered by homeowner's insurance (or auto insurance if the tree falls on an automobile).