



## **Tree Pruning**

*Is a Tree Work Permit required to prune a tree?*

- A Tree Work Permit is required to prune any tree or woody plant originating within the public right of way (area located between the curb and the sidewalk) of any street, sidewalk, or alley, or upon other town-owned property within the town.
  - **Pruning permit exceptions:**
    - A Tree Work Permit **is not** required for pruning of branches less than four (4) inch in diameter at attachment to the stem.
- Tree Work Permits are **not** required to perform any work on trees located wholly on private properties.

It is recommended that you hire a certified arborist to perform tree pruning operations.

[Learn how to prune a tree](#)

[Pruning young trees](#)

[Pruning Mature Trees](#)

All pruning work must meet the Town of Erie Standards and Specifications. Pruning done without a permit or pruning that does not meet the standards may be treated as a code violation and be subject to penalties set forth in the Town of Erie Municipal Code.

Tree topping is prohibited on any tree located within the public right-of-way and on any Town-owned property

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