

RYDE COUNCIL - Are there any trees that do not need Council's permission to be pruned or to be removed?

Yes, however several factors apply. A tree can be exempt due to its species, position or condition.

Trees that are exempt according to the Development Control Plan (DCP) 2010 9.6 Tree Preservation are:

- Narrow leaf Privet
- Broad leaved Privet
- Wild Olive/African Olive
- Camphor Laurel (except in heritage properties)
- Rubber trees
- Poplar
- Liquidamber
- Willows
- Cocos Palms
- Evergreen Alder
- Indian Coral
- Coral Tree
- Rhus Tree
- Silky Oak
- Rhizomatous Bamboo
- Castor Oil Plant
- All fruit trees except Australian native fruit trees.

Other exemptions are:

- the tree is dying, dead or dangerous (provided it is not a threatened species habitat)
- declaration within this category can only be made by an Arborist, or other suitably qualified person - photos must be attached
- the tree poses an immediate and imminent danger to people or property
- declaration within this category can only be made by an Arborist, or other suitably qualified person - photos must be attached
- the trunk of the tree, at one (1) metre above ground level, is within three (3) metres of the wall or foundation of a lawfully constructed dwelling (including native species trees).

However, these exemptions do not apply:

- for properties that are heritage listed or are within a heritage conservation area
- for NATIVE species trees on properties that are identified in the [Urban Bushland in the Ryde LGA](#) report
- for trees listed on the [Significant Tree Register](#)
- for properties that have an active development consent (except for the listed tree exempt species)
- for properties that are subject to an area specific planning instrument.

If a tree falls into a category exempted from the DCP, you are required to lodge a [Notice of Intent](#) with Council before any removal or pruning works may be carried out. This gives Council 7 working days notice, of the work you propose to do. There is no application fee and a work permit will be returned to you by mail.

No work should be undertaken until the work permit is received.

Contact Customer Service on 9952 8222 for more information.