

New Tree Service Provider Registry Now Available

Starting November 10, 2022, all tree service providers doing business in Seattle must be registered with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI). Property owners must use registered tree service providers and post a notice three days before the tree work is done. Tree service providers who are not registered with SDCI cannot do work in Seattle and may face penalties if they conduct work in Seattle without an approved registration. The tree service registry is now available, so register your business today.



What is the Tree Service Provider Registry?

The Tree Service Provider Registry is an online database of registered tree service providers that meet the City's criteria to conduct tree work in Seattle and are committed to understanding and following Seattle's tree regulations.

The Tree Service Provider Registry will be published at [www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/codes-we-enforce-\(a-z\)/trees-and-codes#treeserviceproviderregistry](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/codes-we-enforce-(a-z)/trees-and-codes#treeserviceproviderregistry) so that the public can easily find and verify registered providers.



Register Your Business

As of August 26, Tree Service Providers can register for SDCI's Tree Service Provider Registry at <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/>. It will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete the Registry application. If you have questions regarding the registration process, please contact the Tree Service Provider Registry phone line at (206) 233-5185 or contact us at <https://sdci.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>. To help route your request, indicate that you need help with "Permits, codes, zones, plans," then select "Land Use" as the type of help you need, and then select "Trees" in the description field.

What You'll Need

- An active Seattle Services Portal account, <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/>.
- A current and valid City of Seattle business license. You will be asked to upload a copy of your business license.
- A current and valid Washington State contractor registration under chapter 18.27 RCW (not required for businesses registering as consulting services only).
- A current certificate of insurance with coverage of at least \$1,000,000 Commercial General Liability Insurance and Commercial Auto Liability Insurance. You will be asked to upload a copy of the certificate.
- At least one employee or a person on retainer who is a currently credentialed International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist trained to conduct work according to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard A-300 or its successor standard. You will be asked to upload a copy of the ISA Certification Card for each credentialed holder listed on your registry form.
- An understanding of City codes applicable to commercial tree work.

Know The Code

All Tree Service Providers must follow the tree code (SMC 25.11). Tree Service Providers who do not follow the tree code may be removed from the Tree Service Provider Registry for one year. Both the property owners and the tree service providers may face financial penalties for tree code violations. Contact SDCI arborists early in the design process for assistance in balancing tree protection and development.

- Tree protection requirements are based on the size and species of the tree.
- Tree removal is limited on sites without any structures and where no building permits are active.
- Any exceptional trees being removed due to hazardous conditions must first receive authorization from SDCI.
- Removal of exceptional trees as part of a construction permit is only allowed in limited circumstances.
- Some construction projects will require preparation of an arborist report and on-site tree protection measures.

Learn More

SDCI Arborists will host informational sessions in September and October to help you fully understand the regulations. To sign up to receive updates about the informational sessions, and to learn more about the registry requirements, visit [www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/codes-we-enforce-\(a-z\)/trees-and-codes](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/codes-we-enforce-(a-z)/trees-and-codes).



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