

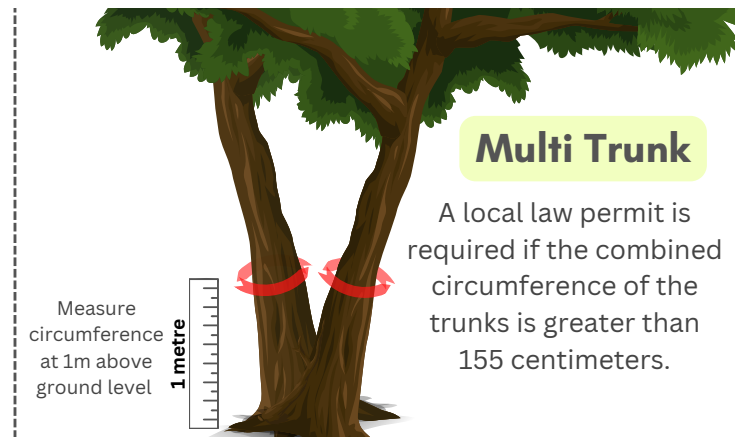
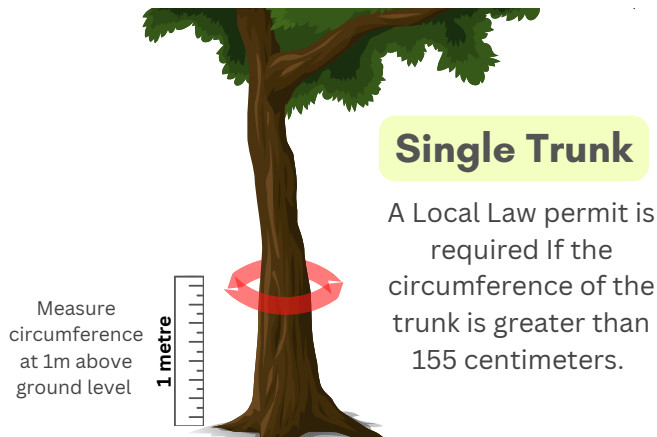
Permits to alter or remove trees & vegetation on private property

A **Local Law Permit**, **Planning Permit** or **Planning Amendment** may be required to cut, trim, lop, prune, interfere or remove trees on private property.

Local Law Permit

A Local Law Permit is required to cut, trim, lop, prune, interfere or remove:

- A tree with a single trunk or combined trunk circumference greater than 155 centimeters measured 1 metre above ground level.
- A tree listed on Council's Register of Significant Trees.
- A tree planted in accordance with the replacement planting condition of a Local Law Permit.



Exemptions

A Local Law Permit is not required if any of the following exemptions are met:

- A person whose actions are authorised under a permit under the Planning Scheme.
- A person whose actions are required by any other legislation; or
- A person acting in accordance with a direction from **Council** or an **Authorised Officer**.

Refusals

Applicants have 28 days after a Local Law Permit refusal to appeal a decision in writing to Council.

Planning Permit

To find out if any planning overlays apply on your land, search for your address on mapshare.vic.gov.au

You may require a Planning Permit to alter or remove vegetation if your property is identified to be within the following overlays:

- Environmental Significance Overlay
- Vegetation Protection Overlay
- Significant Landscape Overlay
- Erosion Management Overlay

Planning Amendments

If a Planning Permit has previously been issued for land, you will likely need to apply for a Section 72 Amendment to the permit to remove any vegetation shown on the plans.

There may be permit conditions requiring the retention of vegetation or plans showing trees as being retained.

If you require a copy of your planning permit please complete the [Planning Document File Search](#) and send to planningapplications@basscoast.vic.gov.au as we may need to retrieve the files from our off-site archives.

FAQ

Do I need to apply for both a Planning Permit and a Local Law Permit?

No, if the removal of a tree requires you to submit a Planning Permit application, your allocated planner will refer the application to Council's Arborist who will advise whether the removal of tree/s will be supported.

If there are no planning controls/permits on your land, then a separate Local Law Permit may be required if the tree is classified as Protected or Significant.

How do I apply for a Local Law Permit and how long will it take?

Your request may be processed within 14 working days subject to the need for a site inspection and demand.

To apply for a Local Law Permit please visit Council's website and select 'Contact Us' and then select 'Trees and Vegetation' to lodge your request online. Alternatively, forms can be obtained from our Customer Service Centres or on our website.

How do I report suspected removal of trees without a permit?

Please report suspected removal of trees without a permit on our website by selecting 'Contact Us' and then 'Trees and Vegetation' – to assist in providing a swift solution please ensure you provide as much evidence as possible noting that not all trees require a permit.

Further Information

Call us on **1300 BCOAST (226 278)** or **(03) 5671 2211**

Email us on basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au