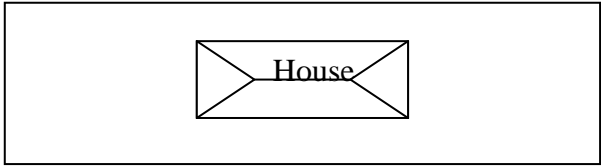




# Prune or Remove a Tree

<b>Introduction</b>	This form is required to prune or remove a tree on private property within the Ashfield municipality. Council will define a "tree" as meaning any woody plant with a <u>height greater than five (5) metres</u> . Some trees are excluded from this definition. Please read the back of this form to see if your tree is exempt. The approval process usually takes 10 working days from the date of lodgement. Approval is valid for 6 months from the date of approval. For further enquiries, please contact Council's Tree Management Section on 9716 1800.		
<b>Fees</b>	A <b>\$55.20</b> application fee is applicable per property. Multiple trees can be applied for under the one fee, provided they are at the same property.  <i>*** This fee is valid until 30 June 2012 unless changed prior by Resolution of Council. ***</i>		
<b>Applicant Details</b>	Name: ..... Postal Address: ..... Suburb: ..... Postcode: ..... Phone: (daytime) ..... Mobile: ..... Applicant Signature: .....		
<b>Owner Consent</b>	I give consent for the tree(s) in this application to be pruned / removed. Owner Name: ..... Owner Signature: .....		
<b>Location of Tree</b>	Property Address: ..... Number of Trees: ..... Size: ..... Species: ..... Location of Trees: ..... Please tick: Mark trees required for pruning/removal with an "X" <input type="checkbox"/> Prune <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Reason for Request: ..... ..... ..... Does this Application relate to a Development Application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>OFFICE USE</b> <b>Cashier Code 471</b>	Amount Paid  <b>\$ 55.20</b>	Date	Receipt Number  CSO



**Privacy Notification:** The personal information you have supplied on this form assists Council Officers in determining your application. The supply of information is voluntary. If you do not provide all details requested, Council may be unable to process your application. The details you provide are stored at Council Offices and are not made publicly available. For more information about your privacy please contact Ashfield Council on 9716 1800. 260 Liverpool Road Ashfield NSW 2131 DX 21221

# Tree Preservation Order

A Tree Preservation Order applies to the whole of Ashfield Municipal Council. This prohibits the ring-barking, cutting down, topping, lopping, and removing, injuring or wilful destruction of any tree growing on any land within Ashfield Municipal Council, except with the written consent of the Council.

Council defines a "tree" as meaning any woody plant with a height greater than five (5) metres, but does not include the following three categories:

**CATEGORY A** - These trees are not considered significant to the environmental and amenity values of the Ashfield Municipality:

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| • Citrus      | • Golden Cypress Conifers              | • Mulberry     | • Rubber Trees   |
| • Cocos Palms | • Leighton Cypress and Leyland Cypress | • Olive        | • Stone Fruits   |
| • Coral Trees | (X Cupressocyparis Leylandii)          | • Privet Trees | • Umbrella Trees |
| • Cotoneaster |  | • Rhus         |                  |

**CATEGORY B** - The trees listed below are exempt from the Tree Preservation Order subject to the following conditions:

a) The tree must be less than 10 metres in height or have a trunk diameter less than 450mm when measured 1.5 metres from ground level.

b) The tree must be within 3 metres of a dwelling or sewer line and causing damage. Dwellings do not include structures such as carports and pergolas.

Trees in this category are:

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| • Camphor Laurel | • Willow |
| • Liquidambar    | • Poplar |

**CATEGORY C** - The following prunings are exempt and consent is given conditional that the work is carried out in accordance with the Australian Standard AS4373 - 2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees and Workcover Code of Practice – Amenity Tree Industry.

- Maintenance of minimum clearance of 500mm from domestic power lines (as specified by Energy Australia)
- Pruning to remove deadwood/branches
- Minor pruning of branches directly overhanging the roof of any building to a height of 2 metres only with the agreement of the owner of the tree
- Trees overhanging a public road including footpaths for the purpose of removal of a hazard to a height of 2.4 metres above ground level.

## **How a Tree Application is Determined**

In determining applications for tree removal or pruning, consideration will be given to:

- The condition of the tree with regard to disease, danger of falling limbs, proximity to existing or proposed structures, interference with utility services and amenity of neighbours.
- Necessity for removal or pruning in order to construct improvements to the property subject to approval of the development application.
- The number of trees existing in the neighbourhood and the effect the tree removal/pruning will have on the amenity of the area.
- The number of healthy trees that a given parcel of land will support.

### **Inspector Report**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved subject to replacement tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional information required | <input type="checkbox"/> Refused                              |

Conditions: .....

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