



Indigenous Tree Program

City of Glendale

Native Trees...Our Heritage Our Responsibility

The indigenous oak, bay, and sycamore trees within the City are natural aesthetic and ecological resources which help define the character of Glendale. The goal of the City's Indigenous Tree Ordinance has been to preserve the natural environment and to protect the City's native plant life heritage for the benefit of all citizens. Oak, bay, and sycamore trees are unique because of their size and beauty and their relative abundance adds distinction and character to our neighborhoods within the community. It is important that these trees be protected from mutilation, indiscriminate cutting, damage, destruction or removal in order to provide for conservation purposes, as well as for the preservation of the natural beauty which the oak, bay, and sycamore trees lend to the city.

ABOUT THE ORDINANCE

The Glendale Municipal Code, Section 12.44 specifically protects six different native or "indigenous" species of trees:

California live oak



Valley oak



Mesa oak



Scrub oak



California sycamore



California bay



The trees must have a trunk diameter of **six inches or greater** to meet the minimum size for protection under the Glendale Municipal Code.

INFORMATION FOR PRUNING INDIGENOUS TREES

- Permit is not required for pruning of live wood on indigenous trees, if the pruning cut is less than one inch in diameter.
- Pruning of trees shall follow professional pruning guidelines. Information on proper pruning techniques is available on the City's website at www.glendaletrees.org or by contacting the City (See Information).
- Pruning methods such as "topping", "hat racking", "heading", "stub cutting" and "lion tailing" are prohibited.
- Removal of **more than 10 percent** of the tree's live foliage during pruning is prohibited.
- Pruning and cutting a tree resulting in altering its natural, normal shape is prohibited.
- Prune oaks in summer and bays and sycamores in fall/winter.
- **THERE IS NO APPLICATION FEE FOR PRUNING PERMITS!**

TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT...

- Obtain an Application Form and "Checklist and Information" sheet from the Permit Services Center, or on the Indigenous Tree Program Website: www.glendaletrees.org.
- Provide photographs of the tree and a site plan attached to the application, and return application to the Permit Services Center by mail, e-mail, fax, or in person.

INFORMATION

For information regarding the Indigenous Tree Ordinance, including actions specifically prohibited on or around an indigenous tree, the permit process, relative fees and other general information regarding the protection measures, telephone or visit us at:

City of Glendale Permit Services Center
633 E. Broadway, Room 101
Glendale, CA 91206-4385

Phone: (818) 548-3200 Fax: (818) 548-3215

Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor llame (818) 548-3200.

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E-mail: itp@ci.glendale.ca.us

Visit our website at: www.glendaletrees.org

For Specific Questions on Tree Care

Contact Maintenance Services Division at (818) 548-3950



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