

## New landscaping rules encourage tree planting

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The City of Edmonton has introduced [new landscaping requirements](#) to ensure a minimum number of trees and shrubs are planted when new homes are built. The new rules also include an incentive to encourage Edmontonians to keep mature trees.

Council recently approved changes to the Zoning Bylaw governing tree and shrub planting requirements, which are now in effect for all new development in Edmonton.



"We want to promote tree preservation, while creating consistent landscaping requirements across the city," said Colton Kirsop, Senior Planner with Development Services, who helped bring forward the changes. "Mature trees are key to the environmental quality and biodiversity of the city, but they also reinforce community character where there is new development."

The number of trees and shrubs required on a lot will be based on property width.

In addition to the landscaping requirements, all new infill development now requires Edmontonians to sign a document confirming they are aware of City regulations, including the proper protection of boulevard trees and new landscaping requirements.

These bylaw changes support *The Way We Grow*, *The Way We Green* as well as the Urban Forest Management Plan and were based on feedback gathered through public consultation last year.

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