

Stillaguamish Country Club Tree Cutting on a Member's Own Lot January 2021

Small Trees: No Permit Needed

You can cut down small trees (6" diameter or less at 4' off the ground) without a permit.

Large Trees more than 150' from French Creek or Stillaguamish River: Permit Required

You need a permit to cut trees over 6" diameter at 4' off the ground and more than 150' from a waterway.

If you want to cut up to three trees, apply to the Grounds Committee for a permit.

For more than three trees, send a letter of request to the Board of Trustees, which may either approve or deny your request. Possible reasons for denial include property line issues, need for County permission, need to limit cut to three trees, or need for a hazard tree assessment from a certified arborist.

When cutting down trees, follow safety and cleanup rules found in SCC Standing Rules, section 17. If you sell the wood, proceeds can be used to offset cutting and hauling expenses, but excess funds are payable to the Club.

Large Trees Within 150' of Creek or River: Special Rules Apply

In addition to the above requirements for large trees, a hazard tree assessment by a certified arborist is required by Snohomish County to cut any tree within a "Critical Area," defined as a buffer of 150' around any salmon bearing waterway. This includes French Creek and Blue Pond in addition to the Stillaguamish River. Refer to Assistance Bulletins #15 (Critical Area Regulations) and #52 (Hazard Tree Removal) from the Snohomish County Planning and Development website. Note that the tree may not be removed for sale or firewood. The SCC Standing Rule for cleanup is therefore overruled in this case. Replanting the area is recommended. Good contact people at Snohomish County are Sean Curran at Planning and Development (425) 262-2965 and Adam Jackson at Surface Water Management (425) 262-2623.