

B&B/Residential Vegetation



Most Protection

1. Trees 1.5 times mature height or more away from building; no flammable vegetation or combustible materials within 30 feet of building; no weed tree seedlings/saplings near building foundation.
2. Trees 1.0 times mature height or more away from building; no flammable vegetation or combustible materials within 20 feet of building; no weed tree seedlings/saplings near building foundation.
3. Trees 0.5 times mature height or more away from building; no flammable vegetation or combustible materials within 10 feet of building; no weed tree seedlings/saplings near building foundation.
4. Trees from 10-15 feet of building; flammable vegetation or combustible materials within 5 feet of building; a few weed tree seedlings/saplings near building foundation.
5. Trees within 10 feet of building; flammable vegetation or combustible materials against building; many weed tree seedlings/saplings near building foundation.

Least Protection *(over)*

Reminders

Tree roots can invade septic lines and leach fields.

Trees growing too close to buildings can cause damage during severe weather.

Personal Protective Equipment

Laws, Regulations, Standards, and Guidelines:

Laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines are constantly being updated and revised. Be sure to check the latest version of any document listed below. Be aware that new laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines on this topic may be generated at any time.

No information regarding laws, regulations, standards, or guidelines on this topic were discovered.

Other:

Large trees (Figure 1) can have shallow rooting areas and can be prone to wind throw loss, which can damage the dwelling.

The tree's roots can extend beyond the the extent of the tree canopy (Figure 2). The zone of root influence can affect house foundations (water removal by the tree during drought can shrink clay soils away from foundation walls and cause them to crack) or sewer lines (plugged sewers with resulting backing of waste water into the house).

The mature height of a tree should be the distance the tree is planted away from the dwelling.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.