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**Contact**

311 or if outside of Edmonton 780 442 5311

**Edmonton Service Centre**

2nd Floor, 10111 104 Avenue NW

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0J4

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

edmonton.ca/treeplantingrequirements

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Edmonton’s Zoning Bylaw requires that you landscape your property within 18 months of occupancy. Trees and shrubs can be located in any yard on the property while seed/sod is required on any yard visible from a public street.

Residential developments are required to plant trees and shrubs according to the tables to the right and relevant sections of the Zoning Bylaw.

ZONES

- RPL
- RPLt
- RF4
- RF4t
- RMD
- UCRH
- CCLD
- CCF
- HVLD
- GHLD

When applying for a development permit for a new house or major renovation you must list the following in a legend on the site plan (example below):

- Number, size, and type of new and preserved trees (use the applicable table to determine how many you need)
- Seed/sod or alternate ground cover

Plant locations do not need to be shown.

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Site Plan

- Lot Area: XXX.XXm²
- House Area: XXX.XXm²
- Garage Area: XXX.XXm²
- Total Site Coverage: XXX.XX%

Legend:

- New deciduous tree 50mm caliper
- New coniferous tree 2.5m height
- New shrubs 300-450mm spread
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- New seed or sod

Municipal Address
12345 – 678 Street NW
Lot: X   Block: 00   Plan: 0000
Date: Month Day, Year
Scale: 1: XXX