



Fact Sheet

Identifying and Managing Regulated and Significant Trees

What do I do if I have a tree that I want to remove?

- Identify whether it is a regulated or significant tree (see the Regulated and Significant Trees Frequently asked questions for descriptions).
- Identify whether the tree species is exempt (a listing is provided in the [Minister's Notice](#)).
- Determine if the tree is dead. If this is the case, no approval is required for its removal.
- If you are uncertain about any of the above, you should contact your local council or seek your own independent advice.

How does the process work?

- If you need approval, a development application can be lodged on the PlanSA portal at: plan.sa.gov.au/development_applications/lodge_an_application/lodge_online.
- Development applications do incur fees (which are updated on an annual basis).
- The relevant planning authority will then assess your development application against the relevant provisions of the Regulated and Significant Tree Overlay.
- Following the assessment, the authority will either approve, approve with conditions or refuse the proposed development relating to the tree.

What happens once approval has been given?

- If approval has been given to remove the tree, a condition will be placed on your application that requires either replacement trees to be planted or money to be paid into a relevant tree fund.
- For replacement trees: two need to be planted for regulated trees and three for significant trees.
- If you would rather pay money into a relevant tree fund, the cost is \$516 per replacement tree not planted (as at May 2025). The fee is updated on an annual basis.

What happens if approval has not been granted?

- You have the right to appeal to the Environment, Resources and Development Court against a decision made.
- This appeal must be lodged with the court within two months of the application decision being made.

Need more help?

To find out more visit www.plan.sa.gov.au, email PlanSA@sa.gov.au or call the PlanSA Service Desk on 1800 752 664.