

The City of Long Beach aims to preserve and protect the health of our urban forest and is committed to ensuring that all tree maintenance activities are conducted in an environmentally friendly manner. This includes abiding by Federal and State laws that protect coastal zone trees and their habitats, such as the **Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)**, **California Coastal Act**, and the **California Fish and Game Code**. These regulations are in place to give sanctuary to native birds and other wildlife and deems it unlawful to remove or tamper with any migratory birds or their nesting habitats. The City's Tree Maintenance Policy provides guidelines for maintaining the City's urban forest.

All non-emergency tree maintenance within the Coastal Zone must be conducted between **OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31**



For private tree maintenance issues within the **Coastal Zone**, please call Development Services at (562) 570-PMIT (7648).

For public tree maintenance issues within the **Coastal Zone**, please call Public Works Tree Maintenance at (562) 570-2770.

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For more information, please visit longbeach.gov/publictrees.



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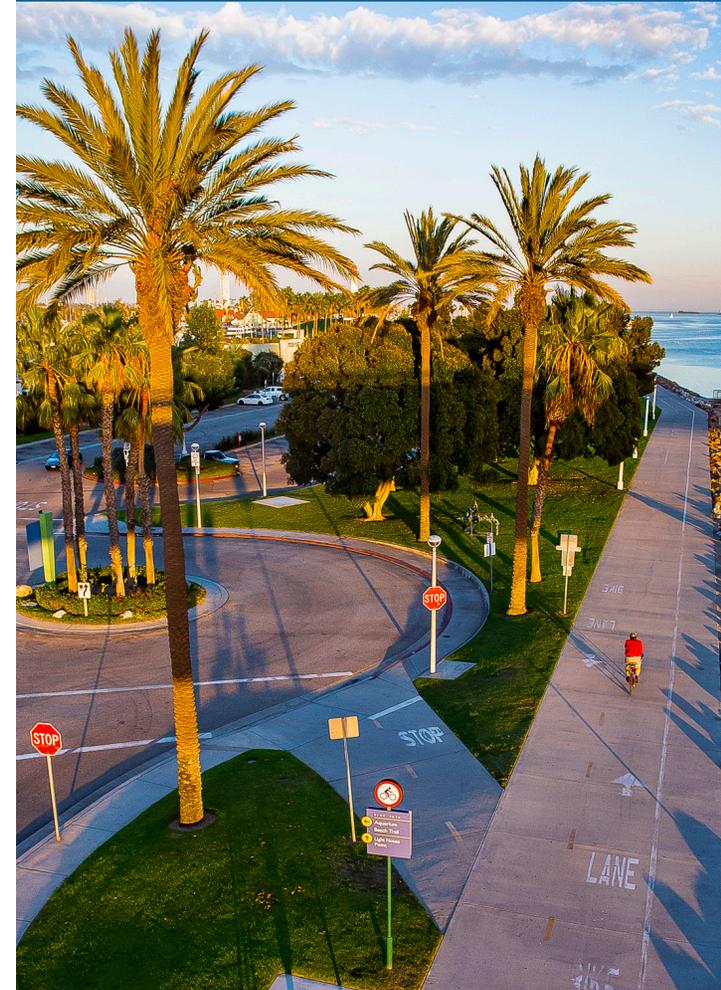
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COASTAL TREES

An informational pamphlet on the Coastal Tree Maintenance Program in Long Beach



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WHEN IS NESTING SEASON?

In Southern California, bird nesting typically occurs between January and September. To avoid disturbance to nesting habitats, **all non-emergency tree maintenance within the Coastal Zone may only take place between October 1 and December 31**. Tree maintenance includes tree trimming and removal. These restrictions are applicable to any non-emergency tree maintenance conducted by City staff, contractors, residents, businesses, or other vendors whether on public or private property.



WHAT ARE THE COASTAL TREE MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES AND DO THEY APPLY TO ME?

If it is within the nesting season (January–September) and emergency coastal tree maintenance is required to address a health or safety concern, **an emergency permit application must be approved**. If approved, a tree nesting survey must be conducted **at least one week in advance** of tree work by a qualified biologist. If nesting activity is identified, specific guidelines must be followed.

ARE THERE REPLANTING REQUIREMENTS AFTER TREE REMOVAL?

If a tree is removed in the coastal zone that supports nesting, a 2:1 tree replacement policy is required. Replacement trees must meet specific criteria and a planting permit is required. The trees must also be listed on the Public Works Approved Trees List (bit.ly/lbtreelist).

HOW DO I CONDUCT COASTAL TREE MAINTENANCE WORK?

- All non-emergency coastal tree maintenance, on private and public property, must occur between **October 1 and December 31**.
- Tree work requires an inspection by a qualified arborist prior to the start of work.
- Tree maintenance work shall be performed by a professional possessing the ability to follow the [American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\) standards](https://www.american-national-standards.com/ansi) which are performance standards put in place for the care and maintenance of trees.
- Hire a qualified professional who is knowledgeable of the requirements in the Coastal Zone.

IF CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS, OR BUSINESSES DO NOT OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATE PERMITS, AN ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION AND FEE WILL BE ISSUED.



WHAT ARE THE PROPER TRIMMING PRACTICES?

While performing approved tree maintenance work, the scheduled trimmer (whom may be City staff or contractors, such as property owner or manager, and utility related projects) must follow the ANSI standards:

- Make clean and precise tree branch cuts, focusing on removing branches close to the trunk.
- Leave healthy palm fronds above horizontal and remove the dead frond base.
- Never use climbing spikes or other equipment that can damage the tree.

WHERE CAN I SEE THE COASTAL ZONE MAP?

The Coastal Zone Map can be viewed at bit.ly/lbcoastalzone.

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