

Private Property Tree Protection Ordinances in the County of Los Angeles

The following table is a simplified overview of tree protection policies for the cities within the County of Los Angeles. Protections vary from city to city and are often nuanced. Each city may have its own definitions for terms such as tree, native tree, mature tree, grove, multi-stem tree and oak tree. Refer to your city's tree protection ordinance for more details.

Table 1: Protected trees policies in the County of Los Angeles

City	Trees Protected on Private Property	Protected Size (DSH, inches)
Agoura Hills	Valley oak (<i>Quercus lobata</i>), Coast live oak, (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>), Scrub oak (<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>), Coastal scrub oak (<i>Quercus Dumosa</i>)	≥ 2
Alhambra	Oak Trees and California Native tree species	≥ 12
	All other species of trees	≥ 24
Arcadia	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>) or Engelmann oak (<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>)	> 4
	Any other oak tree	> 12
	Sycamore (<i>Platanus racemosa</i>)	> 6
Azusa	All existing living trees	≥ 6
Baldwin Park	All species of trees	≥ 54
	Trees planted pursuant to a city-imposed condition of approval and trees shown on a landscape drawing or plan approved by the city	Any size
Beverly Hills	All species of trees	≥ 15.3
	Native trees	≥ 7.6
Bradbury	All species of trees	$\geq 6''$
Calabasas	Any oak tree or scrub oak	$\geq 2''$
Cerritos	Heritage Trees	Any size
Claremont	Heritage Trees	Any size
Covina	Oak trees	$\geq 10''$

Diamond Bar	Native oak trees, Walnut trees, Sycamore trees, Willow trees	≥ 8"
	Heritage trees	Any size
	Trees required to be planted as a condition of approval for discretionary permit	Any size
Duarte	Native trees	≥ 12"
	Specimen trees	≥ 24"
El Monte	All species of trees	≥ 11.5" (single trunk)
	Any tree with height ≥ 35'	Any size
Glendale	Native trees	≥ 6"
Glendora	Heritage trees determined by the city forester	Any size
Hermosa Beach	All species of trees	≥ 12"
Hidden Hills	All species of trees	≥ 11.46"
	Native oaks	≥ 4"
Inglewood	All species of trees	≥ 8"
	Memorial trees	Any size
	Specimen trees	Any size
La Cañada Flintridge	Native California oak, Sycamore, Deodar cedar, Chinese elm, and California pepper trees	≥ 12"
La Habra Heights	All species of trees	≥ 20"
	Indigenous trees such as oak, sycamore, and laurel trees	Any size
	Any tree that is visible from the grounds or structures off-site and either screens structures from view of other properties or is required as part of a landscape plan.	Any size
La Verne	Deodar cedar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>), Camphor tree (<i>Cinnamomum camphor</i>), Oak trees (<i>Quercus spp.</i>), California sycamore (<i>Platanus racemosa</i>), Southern California black walnut (<i>Juglans californica</i>)	≥ 8"
	Heritage trees	Any size
Lomita	A of historical significance specifically designated by resolution of the city council as a protected tree, or a tree that is considered an outstanding specimen of its species because of age, rarity, size, aesthetic quality or unique character.	Any size
Los Angeles	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>), Valley oak (<i>Quercus lobata</i>), Southern California black walnut (<i>Juglans californica</i>), Western	≥ 4"

	sycamore (<i>Platanus racemosa</i>), California bay (<i>Umbellularia californica</i>), Toyon (<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>), Elderberry (<i>Sambucus Mexicana</i>)	
Lynwood	Native trees	>8"
	Landmark trees	Any size
	Specimen trees	Any size
Malibu	Native oak (<i>Quercus spp.</i>), California walnut (<i>Juglans californica</i>), Western sycamore (<i>Platanus racemosa</i>), Alder (<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>), Toyon (<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>)	≥ 6"
Manhattan Beach	All species of tree (excluding deciduous fruit-bearing trees and Washingtonia species palms)	≥ 12"
	Replacement trees	Any size
Monrovia	Oak trees (Measured 2' above the ground, rather than standard 4.5')	≥10"
Pasadena	Native Trees	≥8"
	Landmark trees and landmark-eligible trees	Any size
	Specimen trees	Any size
	Any species of tree	≥19"
Pomona	Specimen (Heritage) Trees	Any size
	Oak trees	>8"
	All species of trees	Any size
Rosemead	Any oak tree of the genus <i>Quercus</i>	≥12"
San Dimas	Heritage Trees	Any size
San Fernando	Heritage Trees	Any size
San Gabriel	All species of trees	≥4"
San Marino	Oak trees	≥4"
	Heritage trees	≥4"
	Established trees	≥6"
Santa Clarita	Exceptional specimen trees	Any size
	Habitat tree	Any Size
	Historic tree	Any size
	Indigenous tree	Any size

Sierra Madre	All species of trees	≥4"
	Memorial trees	Any size
	Oak trees	≥ 4"
South Pasadena	All species of trees	≥12"
	Native trees	≥4"
	Oak trees	≥4"
	Heritage trees	Any size
Vernon	All species trees (Measured 1m above the ground, rather than standard 4.5')	≥8cm
Walnut	Oak Trees (<i>Quercus spp.</i>)	≥6"
	California black walnut (<i>Juglans californica</i>)	≥6"
West Covina	Heritage tree	Any size
	Southern California black walnut (<i>Juglans californica</i>) located in the San Jose Hills (within the city's boundary).	Any size
West Hollywood	Native trees	≥ 8"
	All species of trees	≥ 24"
Westlake Village	Oak trees	≥ 4"