



Tree Preservation Orders information



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Trees are an important part of our landscape and environment; they take decades to mature but only minutes to remove or harm. Our trees can often be threatened, so there are powers in place to protect them using Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).



In conservation areas, trees above a certain size automatically have a certain level of protection, as they contribute to the character of the area. Please see our [Trees in conservation areas page](#) for more information.

For information on trees in parks, on highways and in other public spaces please see the [tree contacts page](#).

Our [frequently asked questions](#) may help you with common questions about Tree Preservation Orders.



Forms

- Download a [tree work application form](#)
- Apply online at the [Planning Portal](#)

Further Information

- Our [Biodiversity, Trees and Landscape Supplementary Planning Document](#) contains more detailed information on protected trees and the application process. Part D of this document covers Protected Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows.
- Find out more about [tree work appeals](#) from the Planning Portal website.

Publications from Inside Government

- For more information on TPOs, please see the government's [Guide to Tree Preservation Procedures](#)
- For much more detailed information on TPOs, please see the [guide to the law and good practice on Tree Preservation Orders](#)

If you cannot find the answer to your question here, please contact our trees team at

below.

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