

CHILLIWACK DISTRICT

What to do if I think there is a tree(s) on Crown Land adjacent to my property, that I believe is a potential hazard or a Danger Tree

1. If this is an emergency, in your own opinion, dial 911.

2. For non-emergencies, if the potential danger tree is:
- a. On private land, contact the property owner to report it (or contact the municipality if you are unsure who the owner is).
 - b. On municipal land (for example in a city park), phone your municipality.
 - c. On Regional District land (or in a regional district park), phone the corresponding Regional District at:
 - i. Fraser Valley Regional District at 604-702-5077
 - ii. Greater Vancouver Regional District at 604-432-6200
 - d. Within reach of a power line, power pole or transformer, call BC Hydro to report it at 1-888 – POWERON (769-3766)
 - e. Within reach of a road or highway, phone the Ministry of Transportation's Fraser Valley maintenance contractor to report it at 1-800-667-5122.
3. Otherwise, report the potential danger tree to the Chilliwack district by email or phone at: forests.chilliwackdistrictoffice@gov.bc.ca or 604-702-5700.

In reporting a potential danger tree to the district, it is important that you provide the following information:

- a. Include your name, address and phone number/email (in case we need more information).
- b. A description and location (address) of the property nearest to the trees so we can find it/them if need be.
- c. Photographs that show how these trees are potentially dangerous to your property or improvements, which include an identifiable object to indicate the scale of the photos.

- d. Unless the tree(s) is dead or it shows obvious signs of instability or damage, submit a report from a wildlife/danger tree assessor¹ or a licensed arborist that concludes that the tree(s) is hazardous and, therefore, recommends the topping, crown thinning or removal of the tree(s).
- e. Should you be interested in keeping the wood for free, be sure to mention it when you contact us.

Once notified of a potential danger tree, the Chilliwack District will review your request and appropriate measures will be carried out in order of priority (highest risk first) and based on available funding/resources.

Alternatively, should you have the capacity to safely take care of the potential danger trees yourself, preferably through a qualified tree removal service; we will give you authority to remove the tree(s) if the Chilliwack District is satisfied the tree is a potential hazard. While there is safety considerations and costs involved, addressing the hazard tree through your own means will ensure it is done to your satisfaction (e.g. timing, method etc.).

Who Do I Contact If I Have Any Questions?

You can contact the Tenures Division of the Chilliwack Forest District at (604)702-5700 for additional information.

¹ wildlife/danger tree assessor – an individual who has successfully completed a wildlife/danger tree assessors course recognized by the Workers Compensation Board.