Hong Kong Government Policy

To promote greening and to ensure no tree is unnecessarily felled or interfered with.
Private Land

- Trees protected by Tree Preservation Clause in lease/land grant
- Trees protected as a condition of Planning Consent
- Trees protected as part of a Landscape Master Plan

Relevant Government Practice Notes & Technical Circulars

Lands Administration Office Practice Note (LAO PN) Issue No. 7/2007 –

Tree Preservation and Tree Removal Applications in Hong Kong in Private Land

Tree Preservation Clause

No tree growing on the lot or adjacent thereto shall be removed or interfered with without the prior written consent of the Director who may, in granting consent, impose such conditions as to transplanting, compensatory landscaping or replanting as he may deem appropriate.

Maintenance Clause

The Purchaser shall at his own expense landscape and plant with trees and shrubs any portion of the lot and podium (if any) not built upon and thereafter maintain and keep the same in a safe, clean, neat, tidy and healthy condition all to the satisfaction of the Director.
Definition of a Tree

“A plant is considered as a tree if its trunk diameter measures 95mm or more at a height of 1.3m above the ground level.”

Compensatory Planting Ratio

• In general principle, implementation of compensatory planting, of a ratio not less than 1:1 in terms of quality and quantity, within the subject Lot would be acceptable. That is, the total numbers and the aggregated girth size of compensatory trees shall be equal or not less than that of the lost trees.

• Deviation from this ratio shall be supported with full justification.
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Essential Information Required for Tree Preservation & Tree Removal Submission

Compensatory Planting Proposal

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Compensatory Planting Plan

Compensatory Planting Schedule

No Proposed Species Name

No Size Info. (DBH, Height & Spread)

No Scaled Location Plan
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When the tree work is completed

- Submit photo record of the tree pruning works / compensatory tree planting to DLO.

- Record photos shall be in clear picture quality, coloured and date-imprinted. A full image on the overall tree form as well as close-up view of the pruned branches is required for each tree.

- If tree work has been related to development, submit tree report consisting of record photos of retained, transplanted and compensatory trees and Form 5A to DLO.

- If opting for Self Certificate of Compliance, a registered landscape architect (RLA) must certify the works are complete.

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Emergency Tree Felling/Pruning

- Where safety is at stake as a result of natural causes or emergency situations (Section III. Appendix II LAO PN 7/2007).

- Where possible take full photo record before (or during if necessary), emergency works are carried out.

- Inform DLO in writing within 21 calendar days of incident, with report and photo record.

- Photos in colour, date imprinted, showing ground condition, fallen stem, branch, canopy, root collar, root-zone, exposed rootball, with close-ups photos as necessary.

- Include compensatory planting proposal.
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