

# Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

## PARK PERMIT

### TREE REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS

#### **Park Permit Tree Removal Requirements**

As part of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation's commitment to sustainable land management, the department has launched the Philadelphia Reforestation Hub in partnership with Cambium Carbon and PowerCorpsPHL to upcycle urban wood waste generated from the removal of fallen, dead, dying, or hazardous trees on parkland. All projects on PPR land requiring a park permit and involving tree removal must adhere to specific requirements for handling millable logs, as outlined below.

Permit holders must deliver logs meeting the specifications outlined below to the City of Philadelphia Organic Recycling Center (3850 West Ford Rd., Philadelphia, PA). Logs suitable for sawmilling will be marked by PPR staff during required inspections. These logs will be identified with WHITE tree paint and the letters "PC" for PowerCorps (the sawmill operator). Contractors must cut marked trunks to lengths of no less than 8'6" and in two-foot increments (e.g., 10'6", 12'6", up to a maximum of 16'6"). Delivery of these marked sawlogs to the Organic Recycling Center will incur no additional cost if they meet the required specifications. Permit holders must scale in and out with the scale house. Logs that fail to meet specifications may be subject to disposal fees.

#### **Sawlog Specifications:**

- **Species:** Walnut, red oak, white oak, tulip poplar, ash, cherry, maple (red, sugar, silver)
- **Form:** Straight trunk sections of at least 8'6" in length
- **Dimensions:** Diameter between 10" DBH and 36" DBH
- **Defects:** Healthy, dying, or recently dead trees; no substantial rot

Additionally, permit holders should provide the tree's original location, species, and a photo of the tree before removal to validate wood product chain of custody. All remaining wood waste, including non-millable wood chips and trunks, is the responsibility of the permit holder for proper disposal at their cost.

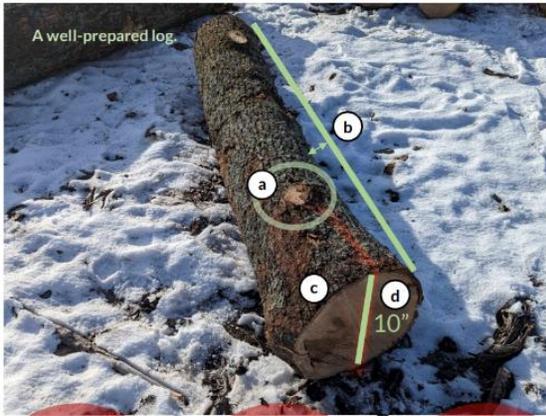
These requirements support the Reforestation Hub's efforts to upcycle urban wood and reinvest proceeds into urban forestry initiatives, contributing to Philadelphia's sustainable future.

#### **About the Philadelphia Reforestation Hub**

As part of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation's commitment to sustainable land management, the Philadelphia Reforestation Hub represents a critical innovation in urban forestry and resource utilization. This initiative is a strategic partnership between Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR), Cambium Carbon, and PowerCorpsPHL to upcycle urban wood waste generated from the removal of fallen, dead, dying, or hazardous trees on parkland.

By repurposing urban wood into high-quality lumber, the Reforestation Hub maximizes the value of a previously underutilized resource. This process supports circular economy principles by giving new life to wood, reducing the need for raw material extraction and supporting local markets or sustainable wood products. Revenues generated from the sale of upcycled lumber are reinvested directly into Urban Forestry Initiatives. These funds bolster reforestation projects, improve tree canopy coverage, and enhance the ecological resilience of Philadelphia's park system.

# Log Preparation Basics



## Log Prep Checklist

- a. Limbs cut flush
- b. Minimally curved
- c. Ends cut flat
- d. 10" minimum diameter
- e. No rot
- f. No forked ends
- g. No iron stain or metal

## Length Guide

### Hardwood

Ideal:

8'6", 9'6", 10'6"

Acceptable:

12'6"

### Softwood

Ideal:

12'6", 14'6", 16'6"

Acceptable:

8'6", 10'6"

