

# Tree Save Area

City Ordinance allows construction to take place on a lot where trees are located or adjacent to trees on other lots, including in the **Tree Save Area**. Construction activities may only take place with an approved Tree Protection Plan as part of an approved Tree Permit. The **Tree Save Area** is defined as the area within the drip line of a tree, or the area within a radius around the tree trunk of 1.5 feet for every inch of DBH, whichever is greater. **Except as provided in a tree permit**, construction activities within the **Tree Save Area** of a Protected Tree are prohibited. Activities include, but are not limited to, excavation, trenching or grading, storage of materials or equipment, passage of heavy equipment within the **Tree Save Area** and spillage of chemicals or other materials, which are damaging to trees.

Any time there are to be trees remaining on site a Certified Arborist must be consulted prior and must provide a tree protection plan as part of the Tree Permit process. All protective measures must be in place prior to the start of any exterior site work.

In the example below the large blue circles represent the **Tree Save Area**. **Construction activity in these areas is allowed** with an approved comprehensive tree protection plan in place. The Tree Protection Plan must be created by Certified Arborist with prior experience in creating tree protection plans. The plan must include how trees will be protected, mitigation steps for construction impacts, have a routine monitoring schedule by the Certified Arborist for compliance, and insure critical root zone areas are protected with appropriate barriers. For more details please see additional documents at:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/urban-forestry/tree-preservation-ordinance>

*Note: In the example below if the three trees were to be removed there would be no Tree Save Area.*

