

Wayland Conservation Commission
Standard Replacement Tree and Shrub Guidelines

1. Plantings within the buffer zone shall be a native species or cultivar of a native species that has been approved in advance.
2. A tree six inches or greater in size that is cut with a remaining tree trunk that is 15 feet tall above grade (called a snag) does not require the installation of replacement plantings. This option may be preferred where a large, tall tree threatens a structure but is within a naturalized area. These snags provide a habitat and food for wildlife.
3. If any tree within the buffer zone is cut down without leaving the snag, the tree shall be replaced with new plantings according to the Replacement Tree and Shrub Schedule below:

Replacement Tree and Shrub Schedule

Existing trees to be removed	Replacement Trees and Shrubs			
Size (dbh) of tree to be cut	Number of deciduous shade trees 2.5" dbh or greater	Number of evergreen trees 5-6' in height or greater	Number of large shrubs or small trees 5-6' in height or greater	Number of shrubs 3' in height or greater
Less than 6"	1	1	2	3
6" to less than 12"	2	2	4	6
12" to less than 18"	3	3	6	9
18" to less than 24"	5	5	10	12
24" and greater	To be determined but plantings may be in proportion to cross-section area dbh (diameter breast height)			

4. Replacement plantings must be installed within 180 days of the day when the existing tree is cut. Replacement plantings that do not survive for at least two growing seasons must be replaced. No Certificate of Compliance shall be issued if the plants have not been established for at least two growing seasons unless a security, for planting that has been done, is accepted by the Commission.