

Felling or Transplanting of Trees

It is the government policy that no tree is unnecessarily felled or damaged. Developers should be encouraged to save trees whenever possible. During construction, precautionary measures such as protective screens should be provided to preserve trees from damage.

2. Trees on private land subject to tree preservation clause under the lease or on government land should not be felled, transplanted or replaced without prior consent from the respective District Lands Office. Permission to fell trees would not be granted unless good reasons are given and fully justified and that transplanting of the affected trees is not practicable. The requirements of the relevant practice notes issued by the Lands Administration Office should be followed.
3. If any tree on areas outside the lot boundary or on “coloured area” under the lease is interfered, submission of tree preservation and removal application on the affected area to fulfill the requirements of other concerned departments should be made.
4. Unauthorised felling of trees is an offence under section 60 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200) or section 21 of the Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96).

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