



# CITY OF MONTE SERENO

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## HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL REBATE APPLICATION

To encourage the removal of trees that present a fire hazard, the Monte Sereno City Council approved rebates for the removal of trees that are determined to be a fire hazard. The available rebate is up to 50% of the cost to remove such trees up to a maximum of \$1,000. One tree removal rebate may be approved per APN/parcel/lot. The rebate is subject to availability of budgeted funds. Following are the rebate eligibility criteria:

- To qualify for the rebate, the property must meet the following:
  - ✓ Within the City of Monte Sereno; and
  - ✓ Within the area of a Wildland Urban Interface zone designated by either Local or State selection. See map at the end of this application or online at:  
<https://www.montesereno.org/DocumentCenter/View/4112/Wildland-Urban-Interface-Map>
  
- To qualify for the rebate, the tree removed shall meet the following criteria:
  - ✓ Shall be a minimum of 25 inches in circumference at four feet above the ground; and
  - ✓ Shall be one of the following species:
    - Eucalyptus, Blue Gum (Eucalyptus globulus)
    - Eucalyptus, Red Gum (Eucalyptus calimaldulensis)
    - Black Acacia (Acacia melonaxylon)
    - Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima)
    - Palm (all species)
    - Monterey Pine (Pinus radiata)

## REBATE PROCESS

1. Prior to removal of the tree, the property owner shall submit the following documents to the City:
  - Completed application below
  - Two bids from California licensed tree or landscape contractors for removal of the tree (including the stump)

This information can be emailed to [CityPlanner@cityofmontesereno.org](mailto:CityPlanner@cityofmontesereno.org) or hard copies can be dropped off at City Hall.
  
2. A City staff member will contact you within two business days to confirm receipt of the rebate application and schedule a site visit to inspect the subject tree before it is removed. Staff will confirm the rebate eligibility with the property owner.

3. Once the tree has been removed, the property owner shall provide the city with evidence of the tree removal and receipt for payment to the contractor. This shall be submitted to the City within 60 days of rebate application approval. This information can be emailed to [CityPlanner@cityofmontesereno.org](mailto:CityPlanner@cityofmontesereno.org) or hard copies can be dropped off at City Hall.

City staff will schedule another site visit to verify the tree (including the stump) has been removed.

4. Once staff has verified the tree removal and receipt of payment to the contractor, the City will mail the rebate check to the property owner.

**REBATE APPLICATION**

The application for the rebate can be submitted, using the form below, after a Tree Removal Permit has been approved by the city:

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Tree Removal Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I understand that the tree shall not be removed before the rebate application is approved in order to qualify for the rebate. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the rebate criteria described in this page and confirm that I am the owner of the subject property.

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Planning Department at [CityPlanner@cityofmontesereno.org](mailto:CityPlanner@cityofmontesereno.org) for any questions.

### City of Monte Sereno Wildland Urban Interface Map

