

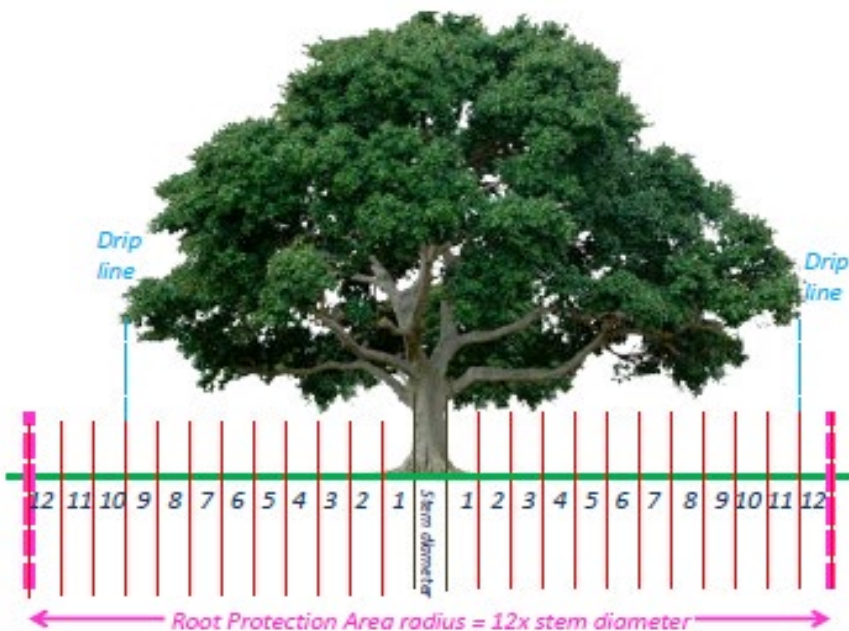
Toolbox Talk - Environment

Tree & Hedge Protection



DID YOU KNOW?

Trees and hedgerows are an important part of the environment and the countryside. They provide a vitally important habitat for wildlife and many trees and hedgerows are protected by legislation enforced by the local authority. They provide shelter and pathways for insects, amphibians, mammals, and birds.



Root Protection Area Radius

ALWAYS CHECK

Before felling or pruning any trees or removing any hedgerows you must ensure permission has been obtained.

Trees can be protected in two ways:

- Tree preservation order (TPO)
- Tree protection plan

Hedges are protected if a hedge is older than **30 years** or is longer than **20m**.

A hedgerow removal notice may be required if no planning permission is in place.

PROTECT

Any trees or hedges which are to be retained must be protected in accordance with **BS5837:2012**.



A construction exclusion zone must be established to prevent damage occurring.



Erect protective fencing **first** thing.



Ensure you are aware of any Arboricultural Method Statement/s **before** excavating near to trees and hedgerows



If you find nesting birds **stop work** immediately

If you are unsure, stop works and contact a member of the Persimmon team / Group HS&E Advisor.



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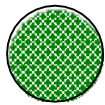
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TREE PROTECTION ZONE

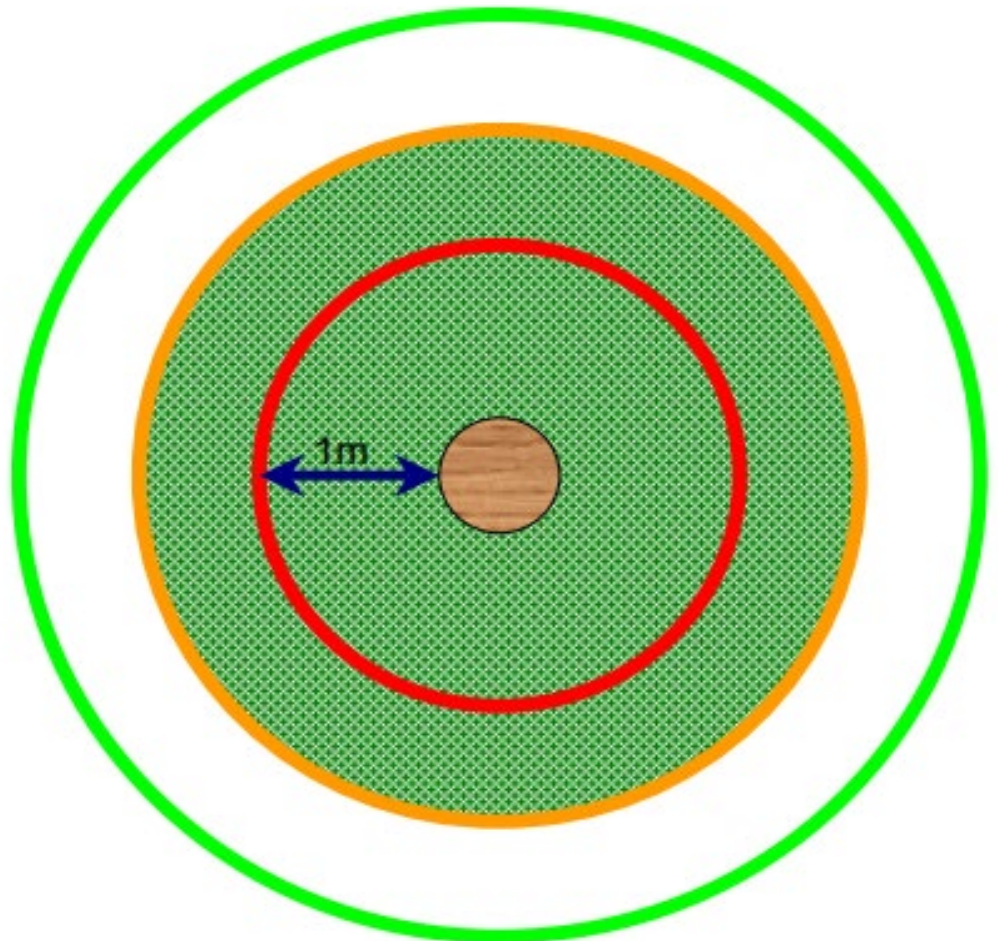
Key to Diagram



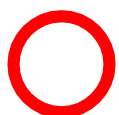
Trunk of Tree



Spread of canopy or branches



TREE PROTECTION ZONE



PROHIBITED ZONE – 1m from trunk. Excavations of any kind must not be undertaken within this zone unless full consultation with Local Authority Tree Officer is undertaken. Materials, plant and spoil must not be stored within this zone.



PRECAUTIONARY ZONE – 4 x tree circumference. Where excavations must be undertaken within this zone the use of mechanical excavation plant should be prohibited. Precautions should be undertaken to protect any exposed roots. Materials, plant and spoil should not be stored within this zone. Consult with Local Authority Tree Officer if in any doubt.



PERMITTED ZONE – outside of precautionary zone. Excavation works may be undertaken within this zone however caution must be applied and the use of mechanical plant limited. Any exposed roots should be protected.



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