

Protected Tree & Shrub Regulations

New Protected Tree and Shrub Regulations (Ordinance 186873)

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The City of Los Angeles has been protecting trees since 1982 when the Native Oak Protection Ordinance was adopted. Protected status was expanded to include two species of native shrub when the City adopted the Protected Tree and Shrub ordinance in December 2020. These shrubs, the Mexican Elderberry and the Toyon, are significant features of the landscape in Los Angeles, and play an important role in controlling hillside erosion and providing habitat for other native species.

Properties that have protected trees or shrubs, as identified by the Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance, are subject to an additional level of review when development is proposed on a parcel where these species are present.

The Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance also revises existing protected tree regulations.



Trees & Shrubs

Mexican Elderberry and Toyon added to Protected Tree list.



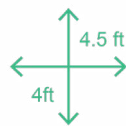
Replacement Ratios

Replacement ratio changed to 4:1.



Tree Expert

Changes to tree expert qualifications.



Measurements

Cumulative measure for trunks and stems.

For more information about the new regulations (Ordinance 186873) regarding protected trees and shrubs, visit <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/adopted-land-use-regulations> and scroll down the page to the Protected Tree and Shrub ordinance.



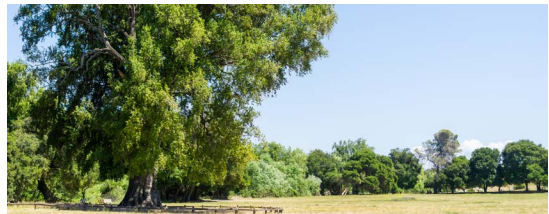
Toyon Shrub



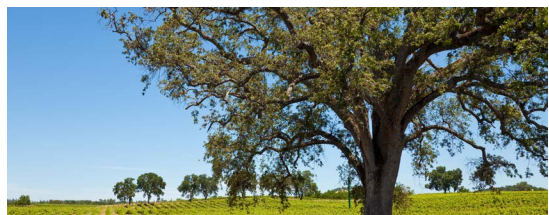
Mexican Elderberry Shrub



Sycamore Tree



California Bay Tree



Oak Tree



Southern California Black Walnut Tree