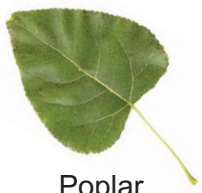


Trees and Shrubs



Oak



Poplar



Willow

Tree and shrub roots can extend quite a distance – often under buildings – and need a lot of moisture to survive. Where trees and shrubs are planted, the soil will contain less moisture so any nearby buildings will be more at risk from subsidence.

Are trees too close to your home?

A general rule is that trees should be no closer to your home than their mature height; that is, the taller the tree will grow, the further from the building it should be. No tree should be planted within five metres (17 feet) of your home.

- Oak, poplar, willow, elm and chestnut trees should be no closer than 15 metres (49 feet);
- Beech, birch, lime, ash, maple, sycamore, leylandii should be no closer than 10 metres (33 feet);
- Cherry, plum and hawthorn should be no closer than five metres (17 feet).

If you are thinking about planting trees in your garden, please consider the minimum distance it should be from your home. When you buy a tree, ask the supplier what height it will be when mature.

What if trees are too close or unsafe?

CHP employs specialist contractors – Landscape Planning – to carry out surveys of all the trees on its land in order to identify those that are potentially dangerous.

If you planted the tree, it is your responsibility to ensure it does not represent a threat to your home or nearby properties.



Elm



Chestnut



Beech



Birch



Lime



Ash

If you think a tree is too close to your home, please contact Landscape Planning on 01206 754987. They will ask you some questions about the tree and, if necessary, arrange an appointment to carry out an inspection.

Landscape Planning will advise CHP of their findings and will recommend any works they feel are necessary.

CHP will only consider felling or cutting back a tree if it represents a health and safety hazard or is likely to cause damage to nearby properties.

If a neighbouring tree is causing nuisance by blocking out light or overhanging into your garden, please contact our Quality of Life team on 0845 155 3000.

Overgrown shrubs

As described in your tenancy agreement, it is your responsibility to maintain your garden and keep it in good condition. This includes the maintenance of existing shrubs.

If you plant any trees or shrubs during your tenancy, you must ensure these are maintained and do not cause a hazard to you, your home, neighbouring properties, or the general public.

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