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## ***WHAT ACTIONS ARE TAKEN BY THE ARBORIST DIVISION?***

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The steps for an illegal tree destruction action vary depending on the level and stage of destruction of the tree. The steps/tools for resolution in order of severity are: verbal correction notice; written correction notice; illegal tree removal citation. Enforcement is handled on a case-by-case basis, as some instances may warrant immediate issuance of a citation or both correction notices and citations.

The issuance of illegal destruction or illegal removal citations do not correlate directly or indirectly with saving and preserving trees. Citations are used as a last resort or in situations where trees are damaged beyond repair. The issuance of citations allows for the collection of recompense and penalty fees. These monies are used to replant trees on both public and private property.