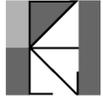


## **Guidelines for Tree Protection during Construction Work**

1. Consult professional horticultural companies, and ask them to contact and discuss with IACM's Department of Gardens and Green Areas the tree protection solution before the construction work starts.
  - a. Trees must be transplanted according to the "Guidelines for Tree Transplantation during Construction Work" whenever on-site preservation is impossible;
  - b. If on-site preservation is possible, trees must be protected according to the following guidelines.
2. Conduct necessary pruning of the trees before the construction work starts, to minimise damage to tree crowns.
3. Wrap the tree trunk with protective materials (e.g. sackcloth, mats and wooden strips, etc.) up to 2 metres high, or build a wooden protective cage at least 1.5 metres high around the tree pit, to prevent damage by heavy-duty machinery.
4. Whenever possible, all excavation works should be performed at least 2 metres away from the tree trunk. If the diameter of the tree trunk is relatively wide, increase the distance between the tree and the work site accordingly, whenever possible.
5. If the trunk or root of a tree is damaged, the wounds must be treated by a professional horticulturist.
  - Damaged trunk:
    - a. Have the wounds neatly cut;
    - b. Spray with disinfectant and water-based asphalt.
  - Damaged roots:
    - a. Have the wounds neatly cut;
    - b. Spray with disinfectant to minimise infection;
    - c. Disinfect the soil.
6. Garbage and waste materials shall not be placed next to or hung from trees during the work period, and construction waste (e.g. cement or concrete, etc.) shall not be left or buried at a tree site.
7. Clear all withered twigs, cuttings and garbage near a tree after completion of construction work, to maintain the tree's well being.



8. The IACM reserves the right to request compensation regarding death or weakening of trees caused by negligence in following the guidelines, including the costs for hiring professional horticulturists to conduct tree rescue measures (such as fertiliser application, disinfection, supporting structures construction and a one-year maintenance scheme, etc.). Trees killed by construction works shall be replaced with trees of the same species and specifications. The party responsible for replacing the trees shall also provide a one-year maintenance scheme, to ensure the trees' survival, and shall be liable for replacing dead or poorly grown replanted trees.