

Diameter at breast height (DBH)

DBH is the trunk diameter of a tree measured 4.5 feet above the average ground level at the base of the tree. However, if the tree forks above 4.5 feet above ground level, it is measured below the swell resulting from the double stem. Stems that fork below 4.5 feet above ground level shall be considered separate trees. (Ord. No. 89-26, § XV, 6-1-89)



To measure the DBH of a tree:

Use a special diameter measuring tape and wrap it around the tree at 4.5 feet above the ground. If a diameter tape is not available, use a regular measuring tape to get the circumference and divide by 3.14 to get the diameter.