



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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## Standard of Practice

### Permitting Tree and Plumbing Emergencies

Upon receipt of a Request for Service for plumbing/sewer related tree removals, conduct a site inspection and determine:

1. pipe location – horizontally
2. trees species
3. trees' health and vigor
4. trees' DBH
5. trees' structural root plates
6. diameter of pipe
7. depth of pipe below tree
8. type of pipe – sewer, water

Options: i) Tunneling

ii) Divert pipe around tree's structural root plate and placed so that less than 20% of the CRZ is impacted; if 20-33% CRZ is impacted, a stamped PAID Silvicultural Prescription from a Private arborist will be required to save the tree. More than 33% CRZ impacted, the tree is lost and recompense will be assessed on a case by case basis as determined by the Arboricultural Manager.

iii) A combination of tunneling and diverting the pipe

**Note:** Upon review of the information provided, the Arboricultural Manager MAY declare the trees hazardous – based on health related concerns (opinion of Law Department)