

Tree Removal in Road Commission Right-of-Way

Tree removal in Shiawassee County Road Commission rights-of-way shall be guided by the following procedures:

1. For trees knocked down or damaged due to storms, the Road Commission shall clear the trees from road surfaces as soon as possible as weather conditions permit. Property-owner to the tree being removed will not be required to sign a permission / authorization slip for the removal / clean up.
2. For trees identified by the Road Commission as needing to be removed or severely trimmed, the Superintendent or Foremen will contact the property owner and seek to have them sign a permission / authorization slip for the removal.
 - a. If the tree has been deemed a traffic safety hazard by the Road Commission, it will not be necessary to have the property owner sign the permission / authorization slip, however, they will still be contacted and advised of the pending removal.
 - b. If the tree is not deemed a traffic safety hazard and the property-owner does not sign the permission / authorization slip, the tree will not be removed. However, if later the property-owner requests removal of the tree, they will be required to pay ½ the cost of the removal. The property-owner share will need to be deposited with the Road Commission before removal work begins.
3. For trees requested by property-owner to be removed or severely trimmed, the Superintendent or Foremen will contact the property owner and have them sign a permission / authorization slip for tree removal/trimming.
 - a. If the property-owner does sign the permission / authorization slip then the tree will be scheduled for removal on a first-come-first-serve basis. Ordinarily tree cutting/removal occurs during open periods of the winter months.
 - b. If the property-owner does not sign the permission / authorization slip then the tree will not be removed, and the Service Request for that tree will be marked as complete.
 - c. If the property-owner wishes to have the tree removed at a time earlier than regular Road Commission scheduling will allow, the Road Commission will accommodate such a request by hiring a tree removal contractor to do the work, provided that the property-owner agrees to pay ½ the cost of the removal and deposits that amount with the Road Commission before removal work starts.

4. In all cases the Superintendent or Foremen will contact the adjacent property owners and ask them if they want any of the wood from the tree being removed. Wood is left in bulk size and is **not** cut into smaller sections.

ADOPTION:

Said policy regarding tree removal on county road right of way supercedes and replaces all previous policy for tree removal, to be effective immediately, with said policy adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Shiawassee at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of September, 2006.

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