



Village of Third Lake  
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## **TREE REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS**

No protected trees shall be removed without a permit. The President or Village Administrator may issue permits authorizing the removal of protected trees. "Protected Tree" means any tree 8 inches or larger in diameter measured fifty-four (54) inches above the existing grade.

The property owner shall be permitted to cut and remove trees that are less than 8 inches in diameter (at 54 inches above ground elevation) so as to create a healthy and thriving environment for the larger, more significant trees.

Conditions under which a permit authorizing the removal of protected tree(s) may be issued include but will not be limited to the following:

- a. The tree is dead or dying;
- b. The tree is diseased;
- c. The tree is damaged or injured to the extent that it is likely to die or become diseased;
- d. The removal of the tree will enhance the Tree Preservation Area and the health of the remaining trees;
- e. The removal of the tree will avoid or alleviate an economic hardship or a hardship of another nature on the property or residence;
- f. The removal of the tree is consistent with good forestry practices;
- g. The tree is a public hazard and poses an immediate danger or hazard to persons or residences or permanent structures.

In all cases of permit application, the President or Village Administrator shall use reasonable interpretations of the circumstances in determining whether or not the permit should be issued. In the event of emergency conditions requiring immediate cutting or removal of trees to avoid immediate danger, it shall be lawful to proceed with the cutting of protected tree(s) without a permit to the extent necessary to avoid the immediate danger. This action must then be reported, with reasonable evidence, to the President or Village Administrator within the Village's next two working days.

## **Tree Replacement Requirements**

If a protected tree is removed, other than from a Building Activity Area, the property owner or his designee shall replace each tree so removed within one year so as to minimize the visual impact from the loss of each tree as observed from adjacent properties or parkways. If the property owner can demonstrate hardship or special circumstances, the Board of Trustees, in its discretion, may waive the planting of a replacement tree, or trees, but only if waiver is consistent with the purposes of this ordinance.