



Town of Sturbridge

Conservation Commission

Tree Removal Permit Application

In an effort to make the most informed decision possible concerning a tree removal application the Commission encourages the applicant to provide as much information about the tree(s) as possible.

Certain tree removal requests may be administratively approved by the Conservation Agent while others require approval from the Conservation Commission at a public meeting. Applicants will be contacted by the Conservation Department regarding site visit and the requirement for approval by the Conservation Commission.

Application Date _____

Location/Address of Property: _____

and/or Assessor's Parcel Number: _____

Property Owner:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Contact Person:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tree Removal Information

Number of trees to be removed: _____

Indicate the size, species and location of removal trees and attach plan/sketch with application. Trees must be marked and clearly visible for the site inspection by the Conservation Agent/Commission.

Reason for removal:

- Health* High Risk* Tree is dead (please include picture) Other (please explain below)

**In situations where the health and/or risk assessment of the tree is justification for removal professional documentation of such is required. Credible professional tree diagnostic, evaluation and recommendation advice is available to the applicant through certified arborists: Please refer to the following two websites to learn more about utilizing a certified arborist. If Health or High Risk is checked above, please submit the arborist's report/documentation with your application.*

Refer to: Massachusetts Arborists Association: <http://www.massarbor.org/>
 International Society of Arboriculture: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/>

Replacement/Mitigation plantings are suggested, and may be required by the Commission in certain cases.

Guidance for Replacement Plantings:

It is recommended that careful consideration be made for mitigating plantings when a tree is being removed. Shrub planting may be a mitigation recommendation when tree replacement is not appropriate. This compensation is dependent upon the level of activity associated with the tree removal and its impacts or future impacts upon the effected resource area. Additional guidance can be obtained from a Certified Arborist or a qualified landscape professional.

Number of trees to be replaced: _____

Proposed Replacement Plantings: _____

Proposed Replacement Locations: _____

Include replacement plants/locations on sketch submitted with application.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Owner (if different from Applicant) _____