



Township of Morris  
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Permit No. T- \_\_\_\_\_

## TREE CUTTING AND/OR REMOVAL PERMIT HOMESTEAD LOT

Block(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, Subject Property: \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Owner Information

### Applicant Information (If different than the owner, must have property owner's consent)

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### \*\*No fee for removal of up to 8 trees in 5 years

The property owner consents to Township employees to enter this property for inspections with the submission of this permit.

\*Property Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### For Office Use Only

Application was deemed complete on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_(date)

The Township hereby approves / conditionally approves / denies the permit application.  
(circle one of the above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Township Approval

Township Engineer's Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a property survey indicating which live trees are to be removed.

\*Required Fields

\*\*Per NJDEP Ordinance Requirements

# CHECKLIST

- ρ 1. Name, address and phone number of property owner.
- ρ 2. Name, address and phone number of applicant if different than owner.
- ρ 3. Consent in writing of owner if applicant is different than owner.
- ρ 4. Street address and tax lot and block numbers of premises.
- ρ 5. A mapped inventory of all trees and specimen trees by size and species located by a professional land surveyor within the area subject to tree removal and cutting and within a transition area ten (10) feet from the perimeter thereof.
- ρ 6. **A fee of \$250.00**
- ρ 7. **Three (3) site plans** showing the size, location and species of all trees and specimen trees within the disturbed area and a transition area ten (10) feet from the perimeter thereof shall be submitted to the Board. All tree locations shall be established by a **Professional Land Surveyor**. In lieu of the foregoing the Board may permit a more general identification of trees on a heavily wooded lot. Any significant tree canopy shall be shown and shall be delineated at the drip line.
- ρ 8. The location of all streams, watercourse and freshwater wetlands shall be shown. No trees or specimen trees within twenty-five (25) feet from the high water mark of a stream or watercourse shall be removed.
- ρ 9. The location and degree of all slopes of greater than ten (10%) percent where any tree removal is proposed shall be shown.
- ρ 10. Removal of any specimen tree shall require specific approval by the Board. All efforts shall be made by the applicant to preserve specimen trees including, if necessary, plan changes to relocate utilities, driveways, roadways, buildings and other site improvements.
- ρ 11. In the event that the development of a property requires the removal of trees or specimen trees, the board shall have the authority to require the replacement of trees in accordance with the following schedule:

## REPLACEMENT OF TREES

<b>NUMBER OF TREES TO BE REMOVED</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF TREES REMOVED TO BE REPLACED WITH REPLACEMENT TREES</b>
<b>100 or more</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>75 to 99</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>less than 75</b>	<b>30</b>

**REPLACEMENT OF SPECIMEN TREES**

EXISTING SPECIMEN TREE TO BE REMOVED	NUMBER OF REPLACEMENT TREES
24" TO 30"	5
31" TO 36"	6
37" to 40"	9
41" or greater	10

All replacement trees shall be of nursery grade quality, balled and burlapped and not less than 2 1/2" - 3" DPM. Replacement trees shall be consistent with the type and species removed from the site and shall be planted in accordance with accepted nursery practice.

- ρ 12. Prior to any site clearance, grading or disturbance for premises subject to the provisions of this section the applicant shall delineate with snow fence, installed beyond the drip line of trees which are to be protected, all areas which are to remain undisturbed and shall individually flag or mark and protect with snow fencing to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer all trees or specimen trees which are to remain within the area of disturbance as approved by the Board. The clear cutting of trees is disfavored by this Article and shall only be permitted if there is no practical alternative and only if such cutting is specifically approved by the Board.
- ρ 13. The applicant shall provide evidence to the Board that the method of disposal of removed trees, stumps, toppings and slash is consistent with all applicable laws and Township ordinances.
- ρ 14. The applicant shall demonstrate compliance in all tree removal activities with all other applicable provisions of Chapter 57, Land Development of the Code of the Township of Morris.
- ρ 15. During major or minor subdivision review, the Planning Board shall be authorized to require a tree removal plan for each individual lot which will result from the proposed subdivision. Any tree removal restrictions shall remain in effect until the parcel shall become a homestead lot.

**Review time**

The Township Engineer shall review and approve, conditionally approve or reject the permit application within thirty (30) days of the date a complete application is submitted and all necessary Board approvals have been granted.

**Inspection and enforcement**

The Township Engineer shall be authorized to inspect and enforce the installation of replacement trees pursuant to subsection (11) above.

CHECKLIST PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

DATE

## TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

### SHADE TREE REQUIREMENTS

#### LOCATION:

1. Plantings to be located on Township right-of-way between street line and curb line; where sidewalks are located, trees shall be eleven (11) feet from curb lines; where sidewalks are omitted, trees shall be six (6) feet from curb.
2. No less than 10 feet from hydrants.
3. Not less than 15 feet from proposed or existing street lights.
4. Not less than 15 feet from corners.
5. Locations to be marked by Engineering Dept.
6. Tree spacing shall be at least 40 feet.

#### PLANTING:

1. Trees shall be nursery-trained and pruned for planting. They shall be free from damage, infestation and infection, straight of trunk with single leader symmetrical and well-branched and with ample root systems.
2. Trees to be at least 2 inches caliper; measured 6 to 15 inches from the base and at least 10 feet in height.
3. Planting pits shall be twelve (12) inches wider and six (6) inches deeper than the root spread, but not less than 33" by 20".
4. A mixture of clean humus or peat moss and top soil of good quality ( in equal part), under, around and over the roots to the depth of several inches and moistened before replacing soil taken from pit. Fertilizer shall be added at a rate of 1-1/2 lb. per caliper inch.
5. Each tree shall be supported by a stake of strength sufficient to the tree size, driven to a depth sufficient to prevent working loose and placed on the side of the prevailing winds. It shall have a binder of a type which will not gridle the tree and shall be securely fastened.
6. Plantings shall be made in the period October 1 to November 15 or March 15 to May 15 while tree is dormant. Or if balled and burlaped at such times as the Township Engineer shall permit.
7. Acceptable trees include: See Attached Sheet.

**MORRIS TOWNSHIP STREET TREE SELECTION GUIDE**  
**ACCEPTABLE SPECIES**

	<u><b>LOCATION</b></u>
Acer rubrum – Scarlet Maple, Varieties: ‘Armstrong’, ‘October Glory’, ‘Red Sunset’	A, C
Acer saccharum – Sugar Maple, Varieties: ‘Bonfire’, ‘Green Mountain’	A, C
Fraxinus pennsylvanica – Green Ash, Varieties: ‘Newport’, ‘Patmore’	A, C
Fraxinus americana – White Ash, Cultivar Autumn Purple	A, C
Malus baccata – Siberian Flowering Crabapple, Variety: ‘Walter’	A, B
Malus ‘Snowdrift’ – ‘Snowdrift’ Flowering Crabapple	A, B
Pyrus calleryana – Flowering Callery Pear, Varieties: ‘Aristocrat’, ‘Red Spire’	A, B
Quercus alba – White Oak	A, C
Quercus rubra – Northern Red Oak	A, C
Tilia cordata – Littleleaf Linden, Variety: ‘Green Mountain’	A, C
Tilia tomentosa – Silver Linden, Variety: ‘Green Mountain’	A, C
Zelkova serrata – Zelkova, Varieties: ‘Green Vase’, ‘Village Green’	A, C

**Streetscape Planting Location Legend**

- A:** No Sidewalk – plant 4 ft. (minimum) from the edge of pavement or curblin.
- B:** Sidewalk – plant 3 ft. (minimum) inside the sidewalk.
- C:** Sidewalk – plant 3 ft. (minimum) inside the sidewalk and install a root deflection barrier in the sidewalk side of the planting hole.

Trees shall be a minimum of 2-2 ½ in. caliper, B & B, and with a single standard branched at 6 to 7 ft. (minimum), central lead preferred, and shall meet the specifications for street side tree plantings established by the American Association of Nurserymen (“AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK”).

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