

TOWN OF ORFORD

TREE REMOVAL POLICY

Non-Emergency

Each reported tree will be treated on a case-by-case bases. A decision on one report or situation will not dictate the same decision on another, as trees and their locations will be different in each case due to age, health, species, size and location of the tree.

Guidelines:

1. When an employee of the Town of Orford receives a report of a hazardous tree, it will be forwarded to the Tree Warden within 2 working days.
2. Within 5 working days the Tree Warden will be required to visit the site and report to the Board of Selectmen his/her findings at their next regularly scheduled meeting.
3. Based on the Tree Warden's Report the board will choose one of the following 3 options:
 - a. The tree will be declared a "Public Nuisance" and the Tree Warden will be authorized to have the tree removed, by whatever means and cost necessary, within 10 working days following notification to the landowner (as stated below), or
 - b. The board will visit the site and make a decision at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, or
 - c. The tree will be declared "NOT a Public Nuisance."

If a tree is to be removed because it is deemed a "Public Nuisance", both the landowner and the person reporting the situation will be informed by "certified" letter within 7 days as to the Board's decision.

The Board will decide if a tree will be planted to replace the tree removed.

Adopted by the Selectboard on 06/26/2019