

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST
City of DeWitt, 414 E. Main Street
Ph# 669-2441/Fax # 669-8211

Site View Diagram (Mark current tree locations)

Name: _____ Daytime Ph# _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

Note to residents seeking a permit to remove one or more trees in the curb tree lawn adjacent to their property or from other city owned right-of-ways or property:

The most vigorous landscapes have a mix of native species, including a mix of trees. Too many of the same type of tree can make conditions ripe for a serious insect problem or disease, such as gypsy moth infestation or Dutch Elm Disease. Also, a 1998 inventory of DeWitt's trees, conducted by a forester from MSU, found that nearly 60% of DeWitt's street trees were maples. The forester encouraged more diversity. The City of DeWitt therefore recommends, as a general policy, retaining as many examples of different tree species within the city limits as is reasonably possible.

Nevertheless, situations arise in which existing trees on City land or located within the City's right-of-ways need to be removed. These situations include a dead or dying tree, an incurably diseased or infested tree, or a tree that constitutes a hazard that cannot otherwise be remedied.

To obtain a permit to remove a tree or trees in a curb tree lawn, in some other City right-of-way, or somewhere else on City property (such as a park, cemetery, etc.), you should take the following five steps:

First, indicate in the following space the number, type or species, and approximate size (height and trunk diameter) of the tree(s) to be removed:

Second, describe in the following space the reason(s) why you believe that the tree should be removed.

Third, provide a diagram (either on the space provided on page 1 of this form or on a separate piece of paper and attach to this application) of the curb tree lawn or other City controlled property showing the location of the tree(s) to be removed, including approximate distances from the street centerline, curb line, property lines, and public buildings which show lot lines, other existing trees, fire hydrants, street signs, utility poles, sidewalks, and driveways.

Fourth, place a non-destructive to marker on the tree(s) that you seek to have removed, such as a tape or water-based paint stripe.

Fifth, provide all information requested on the front page of this form and either deliver or mail your completed form to:

**City of DeWitt
414 E. Main Street
DeWitt MI 48820**

Within 14 days after completing the five steps listed above, the City will let you know whether your request has been granted.

(Below this line is for City use only)

1. Date Received by the City: ___/___/_____.
2. Date Forwarded to the Department of Public Services, with one copy each to the City Administrator and the Tree Commission's representative: ___/___/_____.
3. DPS decision: ___ Approved (Date: ___/___/____.)
 ___ Disapproved (Date: ___/___/____.)

Reason for the disapproval of the application: _____

4. If disapproved by the DPS (or objected to by the Tree Commission's representative), date on which the City Clerk notified the applicant that the permit has been denied subject to review by the Tree Commission as a whole at its next meeting: ___/___/_____.
5. Date City Clerk notified the applicant of ___ approval or ___ disapproval of the request by the Tree Commission as a whole: ___/___/_____.