



TREE REMOVAL EXEMPTION FACT SHEET

When are trees exempt from **obtaining** a tree removal permit?

There are several circumstances where trees may be removed without obtaining an actual tree removal permit.

However, in each case an application for a **Tree Removal Exemption Report** must be filed with the Department of Public Works 5 business days prior to the tree removal.

Tree Removal Exemption Report forms are available on the Township Website at www.westorange.org or at the Department of Public Works Office, 25 Lakeside Avenue.

The conditions for exemption are as follows:

- ❖ You are removing only dead trees as long as no tree is within 2' of a property line.
No limit on quantity
- ❖ You are removing from 1-3 Living Trees as long as no tree is within 2' of a property line.
- ❖ You are a Golf Course and you are not removing trees within 75' of a property boundary.
- ❖ You are removing a non-viable tree as certified by a New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert or International Society of Arboriculture Approved Arborist under **Emergency Conditions**. A Tree Removal Exemption Report must be filed within 5 business days of an Emergency Tree Removal.

A living tree is defined as:

"A self-supporting perennial woody plant having a diameter of at least four inches measured at a point 4.5 feet (or 54 inches) from the ground at the base of the tree on its uphill side."

NOTE: The removal of 4 or more living (viable) trees does require the filing of a Tree Removal Application.