

## Upper Saucon Township Tree Removal Guide

Planning to do tree removal on your property?  
Updates to the Township Zoning Ordinance may affect you.

Section 516.C regulates non-emergency tree removal in Upper Saucon Township. Residents seeking to remove trees on their property must be aware of the following regulations governing non-emergency tree removal:

1. Land owners may cut down any tree that is less than six inches (6") in diameter measured at a point four and one-half feet (4.5') above ground level without the need for a Zoning Permit.
2. Land owners may cut down up to one (1) tree which is six inches (6") or more in diameter measured at a point four and one-half feet (4.5') above ground level per calendar year without the need for a Zoning Permit.
3. In addition, land owners may cut down any tree that is afflicted with disease, blight, infection or damage, any tree that is dead, any tree that poses a danger to structures, occupants, or rights of ways or is an invasive species *only after providing a verification letter from an ISA Certified Arborist and obtaining a Zoning Permit from the Township.*

Section 516.C also regulates non-emergency tree removal for land owners of *forested* properties. The following regulations apply only to *forested* properties as determined by the Zoning Officer:

1. Land owners of forested parcels, as determined by the Township, may cut down up to three (3) trees per net forested acre that are six inches (6") or more in diameter measured at a point four and one-half feet (4.5') above ground level per calendar year. Land owners seeking to remove such trees from forested properties are required to submit a Natural and Cultural Features Site Plan depicting the extent and location of each tree proposed for removal and with an identification of each respective net acre from which trees can be removed on an annual basis.

For more information refer to the Upper Saucon Township Web Site "[www.uppERSaucon.org](http://www.uppERSaucon.org)" or contact the Zoning Officer at 610-282-1171 ext. 254.