

Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission FAQ

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Q. May I remove a shade tree from the front of my property?

A. If the shade tree is in the township right of way please contact the township office at (609) 395-0900. A member of the Shade Tree Commission will contact the property owner to schedule an onsite visit to evaluate the tree condition.

Q. Where is the Public Right of Way?

A. If you don't know whether the tree is located in the public right of way or not, we suggest you consult a tax map located in the Public Works Department office in Town Hall.

Q. May I remove a large shade tree on my property?

A. If the tree is in the public right of way please contact the Shade Tree Commission.

Trees on private property should be removed, preferably, only when they become diseased or hazardous. Removal should be executed by a professional licensed arborist.

Q. May I plant a shade tree at the front of my property in the strip of grass between sidewalk and curb?

A. Yes. Please first consult the Shade Tree Commission's home page on Cranbury Township's website, www.cranburytownship.org, for a list of recommended trees for specific planting locations. Trees planted beneath utility wires must be species that attain a mature height of 25 feet or less. **You must call 800-272-1000 before any excavation.**

Q. Who prunes tree branches in wires?

A. Your local utility company is responsible for removing branches near or in electric wires. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TRIM TREES NEAR ELECTRIC WIRES.**

Q. What can I do if a neighbor's tree branches extend over my property?

A. The Shade Tree Commission has no authority regarding tree disputes on private property.