

TREE PRESERVATION GUIDELINES

Pursuant to Section 273-9. Tree Removal and Restoration Requirements of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

Adopted October 16, 2001

I. TREE REMOVAL

- a. Trees must be removed in a safe and responsible manner, respecting the rights of immediate neighbors and the public at large.
- b. Cleanup and proper disposal of debris must be conducted at the time of the removal of the tree from the ground.

II. RESTORATION

- a. Number and Type of Trees
 - 1. Tree species used in restoration must be approved by the Building Inspector with the advice of the Tree Preservation Board from those species listed in the Village Tree Planting Guide.
 - 2. Trees used in restoration must have a diameter of at least 2 inches.
 - 3. The number and size ('diameter at breast height' ['dbh']) of trees used in restoration must have a total basal area (cross-section) equaling at least 50% of that of the tree removed.
- b. Site of Restoration
 - 1. Restoration is to be done on-site in accordance with the site plan.
 - 2. If restoration is not feasible on-site, off-site mitigation is required; the location and tree species for off-site mitigation must be approved by the Building Inspector with the advice of the Tree Preservation Board from those species listed in the Village Tree Planting Guide.

c. Time of Restoration

1. Tree restoration is to be performed at the next optimal planting time for the species of tree to be planted (usually spring and early fall).
2. The time for tree planting must be approved in advance by the Building Inspector.

d. Guaranty of Performance

1. The life of any replacement tree must be guaranteed for at least two years after it is planted.
2. The guarantee must be from an approved local nursery or through a financial commitment (such as a bond) approved in advance by the building inspector.