

# Village of Mamaroneck TREE LAW COMPLIANCE

**Does your application propose the removal of any tree 8” DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) or greater?**

**If the answer is YES...**

... a Tree Preservation Plan is required as part of the submission. Refer to the Tree Law Checklist below to ensure that all items are included before submitting. In addition, all site plans and construction drawings must show tree protection at the dripline of the canopy of all trees, including overhanging canopies from trees on neighboring properties.

**If the answer is NO...**

... A Tree Preservation Plan is not required, but tree protection must be shown on all site and construction plans at the dripline of the outer canopy of all trees, based on measurements of each tree taken in the field, including those on neighboring properties. For detailed instructions, please refer to the Tree Protection Standard (SD 11) here: [https://www.village.mamaroneck.ny.us/sites/g/files/vyhli826/f/uploads/vom\\_sd-11\\_tree\\_protection.pdf](https://www.village.mamaroneck.ny.us/sites/g/files/vyhli826/f/uploads/vom_sd-11_tree_protection.pdf)

## TREE LAW SUMMARY

As part of the Planning Board application process, when tree removals 8” DBH or greater are proposed, a separate Tree Preservation Plan is required. This is not to be combined with any other plan for the site, including proposed landscaping. This plan is defined in Local Law Chapter 318 as:

*A plan of property approved by the Planning Board in conjunction with a site plan and subdivision plat showing contours of the entire plot at intervals of not more than two feet and the location, species, DBH and condition of all trees eight inches DBH or greater, identifying all trees to be removed and all trees to remain and detailing the methods and practices to be used to provide protection from injury during construction for all trees that will remain.*

**Related code:**

*No tree may be removed while an application for site development plan approval or subdivision plat approval for the property on which the tree is located is pending before the Planning Board. - Code Section 318-8(E)*

*The Planning Board may grant or deny an application for a tree preservation plan, and may impose those terms and conditions it deems appropriate. - Code Section 318-8(D)*

## TREE LAW CHECKLIST

In order to expedite the review process, please ensure that the following items are included on the Tree Preservation Plan:

**1. Include contours of entire plot** at intervals of not more than two feet.

a. Have contour lines been included on the Tree Preservation Plan?

**2. In table form, show the location, species, DBH, and condition** (excellent, good, fair, poor, or dead) of all trees 8” DBH or greater. This includes all existing trees to be removed and all trees to remain, identified in their location on the Plan.

a. Has every tree on the property 8” DBH or greater been drawn and identified on the Tree Preservation Plan?

b. Has the genus and species of each tree on the property been listed on the Plan in table form?

c. Has the existing DBH of each tree been listed on the Plan in table form?

d. Has the current condition of each tree been listed on the Plan in table form?

e. Has each tree been listed in the table as “remove” or “remain”?

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**3. Indicate individual tree protection for all trees to remain**, and the methods and practices to be used to protect them from injury during construction.

Proper tree protection is required for any tree that has a canopy or limbs hanging over the line of disturbance. This includes the canopies of trees on neighboring properties. Due to the fact that demolition and construction drawings are utilized before the installation of landscape material, tree protection needs to be evident and coordinated on all plans related to the project.

- a. Has the canopy of every tree adjacent to or within the Line of Disturbance been measured in the field?
- b. Do all trees adjacent to or within the Line of Disturbance have tree protection drawn on the plans?

**4. Include a tree protection detail** that follows the same guidelines as the Village of Mamaroneck Tree Protection Standard (SD 11). For detailed instructions, please refer to the Standard here:

[https://www.village.mamaroneck.ny.us/sites/g/files/vyhli826/ff/uploads/vom\\_sd-11\\_tree\\_protection.pdf](https://www.village.mamaroneck.ny.us/sites/g/files/vyhli826/ff/uploads/vom_sd-11_tree_protection.pdf)

All trees must be protected according to this standard, which states that the circle of protection be located at the “furthest extent of tree driplines”. Tree protection information must be indicated on all proposed plans and construction documents.

- a. Has the Tree Protection Standard detail been added to any plan that includes tree protection?

## 5. Tree Replacement Count chart

Applicants must replace each tree that is removed with a non-invasive tree species of a similar mature height and of a size determined in accordance with the following schedule:

**Important: Arborvitaes and shrubs do not count as replacement trees.**

For lots less than 14,500 sf	
DBH of tree removed	Replanting Requirement
Under 8 inches	No replanting necessary
8 inches or greater	One 2-2.5 inch DBH tree
For lots 14,500 sf and above	
Under 8 inches	No replanting necessary
8 to 12 inches	One 2-2.5 inch DBH tree
13 to 25 inches	Two 2-2.5 inch DBH trees
26 inches or greater	Three 2-2.5 inch DBH trees

- Code Section 318-8(G)(1)(a)

- a. Has a tree replacement number been calculated?
- b. Has a Tree Replacement Count chart showing calculations been added to the Tree Preservation Plan?

**6. In the limited instance where it is deemed necessary to prune any roots inside of a tree's protected root zone, the proper root pruning found in the “ANSI A300 Tree Care Industry Standards, Part 1: Pruning” shall be followed** and the guidelines included on the appropriate construction plans.

- a. Does the Tree Preservation Plan indicate the trees where root pruning may occur?
- b. If so, are the ANSI A300 Tree Care Industry Standards for pruning included on the construction documents?