



TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP
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Permit # _____

TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

All tree removal permits must meet the requirements of Chapter §203 Section 1-8 of the Code of the Township of Tredyffrin and meet all relevant standards and requirements of the Township's zoning code.

A permit is required if you remove more than five (5) non-exempt trees measuring 6" or more in Diameter Breast Height (DBH) during a rolling Twelve (12) month period. Compensatory tree plantings will be required for any non-exempt tree removal over 5 trees. If you are removing any exempt tree, please fill out the tree removal exemption. Failure to file a permit may result in a fine of up to \$1000 per section §203-7 of the Code of the Township of Tredyffrin. If you believe you are exempt from the requirements of the permit, please fill out only the first page of this document.

All fields must be completed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Property Owners Information:

Property Location of Tree Removal: _____

Property Owners Name(s): _____

Property Owners Address (if different than Location): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Applicants Information (if different than Property Owner):

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

TREE REMOVAL EXEMPTION

Please provide all information regarding the exempt trees that are planned to be removed. *An exemption may be granted if the trees proposed to be removed meet any of the qualifications listed below:*

1. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** The trees were grown for commercial nurseries, fruit orchard, or tree farms.
2. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** The property in question is an Arboretum or Open Land Conservancy.
3. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** The trees less than 6" in Diameter Breast Height (dbh). If yes, how many _____
4. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** The trees are dead or have already fallen due to natural causes. If yes, how many _____
5. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** The trees are non-viable. If yes, how many _____
6. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** The trees are hazardous. If yes, how many _____
7. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No:** I plan to remove _____ trees which do not meet the criteria in Questions 1-6. If the answer to Question 7 is more than 5 within the twelve (12) months period, then please continue to the remaining sections of the application.

I, _____ (Property Owner), am requesting an exemption from the tree removal permit and compensatory tree plantings based on the above criteria. I acknowledge that the requirements for compensatory tree plantings are cumulative. Therefore, in the future, if I remove other trees from the property, I will be required to submit a new application for an exemption and/or tree removal permit. If it is determined that additional tree removal and the cumulative amount of removals exceeds 5 trees and a compensatory tree has not been planted, I would be in violation of the Code of the Township of Tredyffrin and could be subject to fines related to non-compliance.

Property Owner

Print Name

Date

NON-EXEMPT TREE REMOVAL DETAILS

The tree removal permit shall demonstrate that compensatory trees will be provided at a rate of one 2 ½" or more caliper tree for every 12" dbh of trees removed. For non-invasive trees of 36" dbh or greater compensatory trees replanting shall be provided at a rate of two 2 ½" or more caliper trees for every 12" dbh of trees removed.

Please provide your list of trees to be removed and the number of compensatory trees to be provided. If additional space is required, please provide on a separate sheet of paper:

[illegible]

Total Quantity of Replacement Trees Required _____

HERITAGE TREE CHECKLIST

Are any of the proposed to be removed trees listed above Heritage Trees? A Heritage Tree is defined as a tree with a dbh greater than twenty-four (24) inches or a unique, rare, or otherwise specifically selected tree which most typically represents a whole class or group, specifically in shape, form, or historical importance.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain below why this tree should be removed:

REPLACEMENT PLANTING QUANTITY LIST									
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Canopy trees shall constitute at least two-thirds (2/3) of replacement trees provided, with the balance comprised of evergreen trees. Ornamental/Flowering trees shall not be utilized for compensatory tree replacements.

At least fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of replacement trees are required to be native trees selected from the lists contained in Appendix A.

Please provide a table including details on the replacement trees that will be provided. If additional space is required, please provide on a separate sheet of paper:

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TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PLANTING PLAN

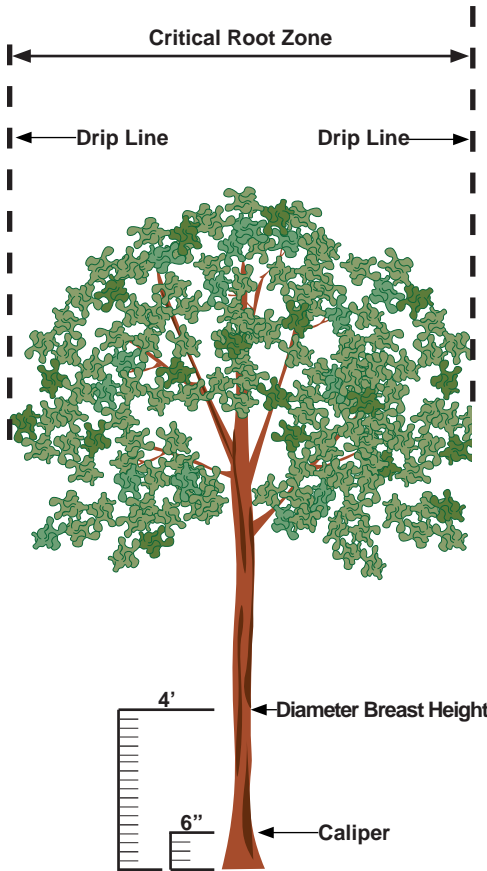
Please show a sketch of where the removed trees and the compensatory trees are located on the property.

I hereby apply for a Tree Removal Application, and I certify that the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and information. I understand this is not a permit but only an application for a permit and work is not to start without a permit. I certify that the work will be in accordance with all permit conditions and approved plans.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

Tree Key



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CALIPER

The diameter of a tree trunk at a point six inches from the ground surface at the center of the base of the tree.

CANOPY TREE

Large deciduous tree with shade -providing foliage, generally reaching a minimum of 30 feet or greater in height in maturity.

CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ)

The distance from the trunk that equals one foot for every inch of the tree's diameter.

DIAMETER BREAST HEIGHT (DBH/dbh)

The outside bark diameter at breast height which is defined as 4.5 feet (1.37 m) above the forest floor on the uphill side of the tree.

DRIP LINE

The marking where the outer edge of a tree's branches overhangs the ground.

EVERGREEN TREE

A woody plant capable of reaching a minimum mature height of 30 feet or greater with evergreen foliage persistent year-round.

FLOWERING/ORNAMENTAL TREE

A deciduous tree, single or multi-stem, with a minimum height of 15 feet but less than 30 feet in height at maturity.

HAZARDOUS TREE

Any tree with verifiable structural defects that poses an imminent hazard to existing structures, personal property or bodily harm.

HERITAGE TREE (SPECIMEN TREE)

A tree with a diameter of 24 inches or greater or a unique, rare or otherwise specifically selected tree which most typically represents a whole class or group, specifically in shape, form or historical importance.

INVASIVE TREE

Any tree that appears on the most recent invasive plants list published by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

NATIVE TREE

A tree species indigenous to Southeastern Pennsylvania that occurs naturally without human intervention.

NON-VIABLE TREE

Any tree that meets the following conditions: dead trees, trees with substantial visible die back; and trees in severe decline.

WOODLANDS

Areas characterized by dense and extensive tree cover growing closely together so that the drip lines touch or overlap and in which there is more than one viable tree of a diameter of six inches or greater per 1,500 square feet of lot area.

Tree Plantings

Tree Height Key

(L): Large Tree, 60' - 75'+
(M): Medium Tree, 40' - 60'
(S): Small Tree, 10' - 40'

Canopy Trees

Canopy trees must make up at least 2/3 of all compensatory trees.

Native Trees

A Tree species indigenous to Southeastern Pennsylvania that occurs naturally.



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Native Canopy Trees: Residential

Sugar Maple (L)	Sourwood (S)
River Birch (L)	Common Hackberry (M)
Sweet Birch (M)	Black Gum (M)
Shagbark Hickory (L)	Swamp White Oak (M)
Fruitless Sweetgum (L)	Willow Oak (M)
White Oak (L)	Post Oak (M)
Scarlet Oak (L) *	Black Oak (M) *
Pin Oak (L) *	Gray Birch (S)
Northern Red Oak (L) *	American Hornbeam (S)
Princeton Elm (L)	American Hophornbeam (S)
Red Maple (M)	Dwarf Chestnut Oak (S)

Native Canopy Trees: Parks, Campuses and Naturalized Settings

Silver Maple (L)	Mockernut Hickory (M)
American Linden (L)	Pignut Hickory (M)
Chestnut Oak (L)	Thornless Honeylocust (M)
American Chestnut (L)	Slippery Elm (M)
Bitternut Hickory (L)	Black Willow (M)
Southern Red Oak (L) *	Common Sassafras (M)
American Sycamore (L)	Blackjack Oak (S) *
Tuliptree (L)	Common Persimmon (S)
American Beech (L)	Paw-Paw (S)
Black Cherry (L)	Umbrella Magnolia (S)
Black Walnut (L)	Mountain Maple (S)
American Sweetgum (L)	

* Most red oak species have a higher probability of bacterial leaf scorch.

Native Evergreens

Pitch Pine (L)	American Holly (M)
Eastern White Pine (L)	Virginia Pine (S)
Eastern Redcedar (M)	Table Mountain Pine (S)

Native Deciduous Conifers

Bald Cypress (L)