

# Town of Templeton

## Tree Removal Process

All tree removals are regulated by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 87, the Public Shade Tree Law of Massachusetts. We all work together to make our community safe and beautiful, and you can be part of this process.

The first step is for the Tree Warden which operates under the Department of Public Works to determine whether or not the tree belongs to the Town or is on private property. Requests can be transmitted in three different ways to the Tree Warden either by emailing the DPW Director at [bszocik@templetonma.gov](mailto:bszocik@templetonma.gov) or by calling 978-894-2775 or by filling out a DPW Service Request/Comment Form at <https://www.templetonma.gov/office-of-public-works/webforms/dpw-service-requestcomment-form>. If the tree is located on publicly owned land, the Tree Warden reviews and assesses what they think should be done regarding the tree. If it is determined that the tree should be removed, then the Tree Warden schedules a public hearing. To object to the decision to remove the tree, an appeal must be made to the Select Board.

However, if deemed by the Tree Warden to be an imminent hazard, the tree will be removed without a public hearing for public safety reasons. Thank you.

