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Town Trees Are Protected

All trees within or partially within the Town Road right-of-way (ROW) are protected by Connecticut State Statutes (CGS 23-58) and may not be removed or damaged in any way without the permission of the Town's Tree Warden. The Town ROW can vary from the edge of the pavement to 20 feet from the edge of the pavement, so contact the Town's Engineering Division. In general, the Tree Warden is responsible for posting all trees (located in the roadway ROW) with a notice, 10-days prior to their removal or pruning, unless the tree represents an immediate hazard, in which case it will be removed or pruned as soon as practicable.

Before any tree along a Town Road can be pruned or removed, the following procedures must be followed:

1. Contact the Town's Engineering Division (860-429-3331) to determine if the tree belongs to the Town and if the tree is located on a scenic roadway. Additional steps are necessary if the tree is located on a scenic roadway as established by the Town of Mansfield Scenic Roads Ordinance.
2. (If it does), contact the Town Garage (860-429-3676) to request that the tree be posted for removal.
3. The Tree Warden will post the tree for removal or pruning 10 days prior to pruning or removal, unless the tree represents an immediate hazard (as deemed by the Tree Warden or his/her authorized agent).
4. A Town decision will normally be given 10 days or after a public hearing if a hearing is required. (Hearings are required if anyone protests the tree removal.)

No work can be done on a Town tree without the Town's permission through its Tree Warden. When in doubt, CALL FIRST!

Public Works Operations Manager
Tree Warden