City of Southfield
Tree Removal Process

HOMEOWNER OR CONTRACTOR MUST
Contact the Planning Department for Inspection for removal of any tree over 8" in diameter unless it is completely dead, orchard style fruit tree or damaged by a disaster.

HOMEOWNER

CONTRACTOR

Business License Requirements (Annually)

1. Complete tree service application
2. Submit $1,000 surety bond (original)
3. Pay $100 license fee
4. Submit proof of liability insurance
5. Renew yearly each January

Obtain Business License Annually in person at City Clerk's Office
(248) 796-5150
to be added to approved Tree Contractor List

Call the Planning Department at (248) 796-4156
to request on-site inspection

APPROVED

Mandatory tree permit

Tree permit is mailed to homeowner

Get estimate from approved contractor list

Removal permit with replacements

City determines replacement value

Replace required # of trees

Donate to tree fund

DENIED

Denial letter is mailed to homeowner

If adamant about removal, call department to discuss replacement options/variance procedures

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