



REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES

by the City of Pittsburgh



USDA Forest Service photo of curb and house damage from an uprooted tree.



USDA Forest Service photo of tree damage to

What is a 'Hazard' tree?

The City of Pittsburgh is always on the alert for hazard trees. A 'hazard' tree is a tree with structural defects likely to cause failure of all or part of the tree, which could strike a 'target'. A target may be persons, vehicles, buildings, utilities, park benches, streets, or yards.

Because of the natural variability of tree species, the severity of their defects, and the different sites upon which they grow, it is a complex process to evaluate trees for hazardous defects. Trees suspected to be hazards are inspected carefully and systematically by the City Forester. All parts of the tree are inspected from all sides and angles. These include: roots, root or trunk flare, main trunk, branches, and branch unions.

What are we looking for? There are visible signs that a tree is failing. These include dead wood, cracks, decay, cankers, root problems, and poor tree architecture. Visit our Forestry website to see a Hazard Tree Checklist. If you think you have observed a hazardous tree on public land in the City of Pittsburgh, please call the City Forester at 412-422-6555.

Due to structural defects, the tree located at

will be removed on or after

POSTING DATE

____ / ____ / ____
MONTH DAY YEAR

If you are appealing the removal of this tree, you need to print both the Posting Date seen at left and the Removal Date seen at right on your Appeal Application.

REMOVAL DATE

____ / ____ / ____
MONTH DAY YEAR

REASON(S)

- DEAD or DYING
- CAVITY
- ROOT ROT
- UPROOTING
- STRUCTURAL INSTABILITY
- OTHER _____

If you wish to speak with the City Forester about this particular tree, please call **412-422-6555**. Please provide the address of this tree as a reference when you inquire.

If you wish to know more about the **City of Pittsburgh's** 7-Year Management Plan for renewing the urban forest canopy, please check out our website at <http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/pw/html/forestry.html>