



Village of Chenequa

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Summary of Proposed Amendments to Village Tree Cutting Ordinance

Existing Tree Cutting Restrictions Within 75' of Waterways

- Move Village Code Section 6.9 *Removal of Shore Cover* to Section 8.24 *Care of Trees*
 - Existing tree cutting restrictions within 75' of waterways remain unchanged
 - [Link to existing Ordinance 6.9](#)

Proposed Tree Cutting Restrictions Outside 75' Shoreline Buffer Zone

The following tree cutting restrictions would apply to all properties within the Village. Restrictions would only apply to "Specimen Trees" as defined by the Specimen Tree Lists attached at the bottom of this page.

- Annual "specimen tree" cutting limits based on property size and sum total of "specimen tree" diameter inches (defined as "DBH threshold"). *DBH= tree Diameter at Breast Height (4.5' above the ground)
 - Lots 0-2 acres may cut up to 50" DBH of "specimen trees" annually without a permit
 - Lots 2-6 acres may cut up to 100" DBH of "specimen trees" annually without a permit
 - Lots over 6 acres may cut up to 150" DBH of "specimen trees" annually without a permit
- Any cutting of "specimen trees" on a given property in excess of the "DBH threshold" would require a permit from the Village
 - No permit would be required for the removal of dead trees
 - No permit would be required for the removal of trees not qualifying as "specimen trees"
- The Village would grant "specimen tree" removal permits for the following reasons:
 - Dying, diseased, or damaged trees
 - Trees posing a significant safety hazard
 - Trees interfering with permissible structures or improvements
 - Silvicultural thinning
 - Creation of new natural areas (other than turf grass lawns, etc.)
- [Link to Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 8.24](#)

Deciduous Specimen Trees

Tree DBH	Species
6" and greater	Ironwood, Redbud, Serviceberry spp., Muscledwood
10" and greater	Oak spp., Maple (red, sugar), Hickory spp., Black walnut, Black cherry, Kentucky coffeetree, Beech spp., Aspen (quaking, bigtooth), Birch spp., Butternut, London planetree, Sycamore, Ginkgo
12" and greater	Basswood, Elm spp., Hackberry

Coniferous Specimen Trees

Tree DBH	Species
12" and greater	Norway spruce
10" and greater	Pine (white, scotch), Tamarack, Hemlock, Fir spp.
8" and greater	Red cedar, White cedar