

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING
OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

No tree as described below shall be removed from unimproved, partially improved or improved land without written approval from the Commissioner of the Department of Building and Zoning:

- A deciduous tree having a trunk size of six inches or greater in diameter, as measured six inches above the established grade.
- An evergreen tree measuring ten vertical feet or more in height.

The Commissioner of the Department of Building and Zoning shall approve all requests for [Tree Removal](#) if one or more of the following conditions are present:

- Trees pose a safety hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic or any building or structure.
- Trees are diseased, infested with pests or have been seriously damaged by fire, lightning, storm or other injury.
- Trees are dictated by good forestry practice for removal when beneficial to remaining trees.
- Trees have been designated for removal on an approved landscape plan.

Please complete the following fields:

Property Owner Name		
Property Address		
Phone	Email	Building Permit Number (If applicable)
Contractor (if applicable)		

Numbers of trees to be removed	Location (Front yard, back yard, side of house, easement)
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Reasons for Removal. (Please include a landscape plan if the request is part of a Building Permit. REQUIRED for submission:
1. A survey, site plan or clear aerial image of the location of the trees
2. Photos of the trees to be removed
3. Description of tree health. Healthy trees 6 inches or greater in trunk caliper and evergreens over 10' tall shall be replaced with new trees totaling to the caliper lost.

THIS APPLICATION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF COMPLETE AND THE ABOVE 3 REQUIRED ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED

Signature	Date
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If this tree removal request is NOT in conjunction with a building permit application, please send your request to info.bnz@cookcountyil.gov
If you have a building permit application in progress, please email this request to permitcontrol.bnz@cookcountyil.gov

Commissioner's Approval	Date
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