City of Rochester

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Tree Removal & Replacement

The Tree and Sidewalk Commission is dedicated to fostering a safe, accessible, and sustainable community by protecting and enhancing our urban forest while maintaining sidewalks that support mobility for all. Through stewardship, collaboration, and thoughtful planning, we promote environmental health, pedestrian safety, and neighborhood beauty for current and future generations.

We envision a community where vibrant tree canopies and safe, accessible sidewalks weave together to create healthy, walkable neighborhoods. Our future is one of resilience, beauty, and connection—where every resident can enjoy shaded paths, clean air, and welcoming public spaces that inspire pride and belonging.

By ordinance, the Sidewalk & Tree Commission is responsible for the area between the sidewalk and the street, more commonly known as the "tree lawn." All trees and shrubs planted between the street and sidewalk or within a street right-of-way fall under the jurisdiction of the Tree Board.

Pruning and Removal Requests – The Board will evaluate the tree and determine if it is "at risk." Only "at risk" trees will be removed at the city's expense. Homeowners may also propose pruning or removal of these trees at their own expense. This form must be completed by the property owner before authorization is given to remove any tree in the area.

Replacement Trees – Replacement trees to be planted in tree lawns within the City of Rochester may be requested from the Tree Board. These trees are provided at no cost to the property owner; however, the Sidewalk & Tree Commission asks that the landowner agree to properly care for the tree to promote its growth. While landowners may make specific requests, the final decision on size, location, and species will be made by the Tree Board and may be based on availability or site constraints.

Tree Board Tree Removal, Pruning, and New Tree Request
City of Rochester, Indiana

Date
Name
Mailing Address
Phone

Submit completed forms to:
Rochester City Hall
320 Main Street
Rochester, IN 46975

Office Use Only	
Received	
Evaluated	
Decision	
Action	

Work Requested	☐ Removal	☐ Pruning
Number of Trees:		
Site Address:		
Specific Location of Trees:		
Reason for Removal/Pruning:		
Work Funded By:	☐ City	☐ Property Owner

Replacement Requested	☐ New or Replacement Tree
Number of Trees/Preferred Species:	
Specific Placement of Tree:	

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