

WITCHES WOODS TAX DISTRICT  
TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL POLICY  
(Adopted 5 May 2014)

The Witches Woods Tax District Board feels that guidelines are needed when trimming or cutting down trees along Tax District roads. One of the biggest issues facing the Board and Property Owners are trees that are either dead or leaning in such a way as to pose a safety hazard to travel and utilities on and within the Tax District roads. Major storms over the past several years have resulted in falling trees that have both blocked the roads and created safety concerns.

The following guidelines will be used for tree trimming and removal by the Tax District:

1. Any tree that falls into Tax District roads will be removed by a Contractor hired by the Tax District Board as soon as possible. If the tree was located outside the Tax District road right- of -way, it will be cut and removed within the roadway up to the edge of the road abutting the Property Owners boundary. If the tree was located within the Tax District road right- of- way, and falls onto an adjacent lot, it will be removed in its entirety with the consent of the lot owner as to that portion falling within a lot.
2. The Tax District Board may determine that certain trees along Tax District road right-of- ways need to be trimmed or removed for safety reasons. For trees that are 6 inches or less in diameter on the Tax District road right-of-way, no notification will be given before the trees are removed. For trees that are greater than 6 inches in diameter, a notification will be sent by the Board to all Tax District Property Owners and the tree will be posted for a period of two weeks indicating that the tree is to be removed. Any objections to the removal of the tree that are received by the Board in writing will be considered by the Board or its designated committee. The Board's decision shall be reported to the objector in writing.
3. Any trees that are not on the Tax District road right-of-way, but are on Property Owner land, and are determined to present a safety hazard to the roads or utilities, as determined by the Board after consultation with a professional arborist, may be identified and notification given to the homeowner in writing by the Board. If the Property Owner does not take any action to correct the safety hazard and the tree falls into the road, then that portion of the tree within the roadway will be removed by the Tax District and the Property Owner shall be liable to reimburse the Tax District an amount equal to the cost of the tree removal.

These guidelines have been developed to ensure the safety of WWTD roads for all residents and users of the roads. We recognize that we must ensure the guidelines are legally acceptable before they become a WWTD Ordinance.

Adopted by Officers of the Witches Woods Tax District Board

