

# Township of Ocean

## Monmouth County, NJ



### Preservation of Trees

The Township of Ocean preserves our trees because of their importance to our economic, ecological, aesthetic, and cultural well-being. Trees help prevent stormwater run-off and soil erosion; prevent loss of wildlife habitat; decrease air and noise pollution; provide shade; and preserve the aesthetic character, ambiance, and physical appearance of our neighborhoods and streetscapes.

**If you want to remove any deciduous tree over 6 inches in diameter or coniferous tree over 10 feet in height, you will need a permit.**

- Residents are allowed to remove three such trees in a three-year period, but you must still apply for a permit to do so.
- If you want to remove more trees than this limit, you must either replace them or contribute to the Township of Ocean Shade Tree Fund as shown in the schedule below.

Every tree-removal service must be registered with the Township of Ocean and display valid tags in their vehicles (tags are currently on order).

#### Tree Removal Schedule: Replacement or Fee

Diameter <sup>†</sup> of Tree Removed		Required Replacement Tree*	Tree Replacement Fee
At least	Less than		
6"	12"	One Deciduous Replacement Tree	\$ 750.00
12"	18"	Two Deciduous Replacement Trees	\$ 1,500.00
18"	30"	Three Deciduous Replacement Trees	\$ 2,250.00
30"	40"	Four Deciduous Replacement Trees	\$ 3,000.00
40" and greater		Five Deciduous Replacement Trees	\$ 3,750.00
Coniferous tree with a height of ten feet or more		One Coniferous Replacement Tree	\$ 750.00

\* A Deciduous Replacement Tree shall be either one tree that measures at least 2 ½ inches in caliper or two trees that measure at least two inches in caliper.

A Coniferous Replacement Tree shall be at least ten feet in height, measured from the ground.

† Diameter shall be measured at a height of four feet from the ground.