



TOWN OF HANOVER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAMAGED TREE REMOVAL IN WETLAND RESOURCE AREAS

It is the policy of the Conservation Commission to allow the removal of mature trees within or up to various wetland resource areas without the necessity of a formal hearing *only for the reason of safety to persons or structures or in emergency situations*. If you have a tree or trees on your property that create a safety situation, please follow these instructions:

1. **CONTACT** the Conservation Office prior to any removal activity on your site.
2. **MEET WITH** the Conservation staff for an on-site inspection which will take place within a 24 hour period¹ from initial contact to ascertain the situation. For emergency situations, immediate on-site approval may be issued. However, to lessen wetland impacts, stump removal or grinding is forbidden and in some cases, only topping of the tree may be approved².
3. *Because work is proposed within a protected wetland, you must:*

SUBMIT a statement from a licensed Arborist, Botanist, or Wetland Scientist trained in the care and maintenance of trees prior to the removal of the tree for non-emergency situations, and post-removal for emergency removal. The report shall include information regarding existing location, wetland, type and condition of tree(s), size, approx. age, and whether complete removal or topping will be (“was” for emergency removal) conducted. Additionally, in non-emergency situations, no work may take place until a permit is in hand.

NOTE: In the case of severe storm damage to healthy trees, immediate permitting may be granted through the Conservation Office and as per Emergency Regulations from DEP. Please contact the Conservation Office for further details.

Date Submitted: _____

Property location: _____

Resource Area - Buffer/Habitat affected³: _____

Property Owner: _____ Telephone: _____

Property Owner E-mail: _____

Description of safety issue: _____

Please use back of sheet if necessary.

Name, phone, e-mail of Arborist/Expert: _____

Name, phone, e-mail of Contractor: _____

¹ There is a \$50.00 site inspection fee due to the Town of Hanover to initiate scheduling of the site inspection.

² All cuttings will remain in the wetland unless it is determined to cause a negative impact to the resource area.

³ Can be determined by Cons. staff if necessary.