



POLICY NO:-
CP065 - TREES ON ROADS – RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REMOVAL OF FALLEN TREES

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1. RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE

Engineering & Development Services

2. PURPOSE OR OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to define the responsibilities for:

1. The removal of fallen trees from roads, verges and/or property.
2. Costs associated with the removal of fallen trees.

3. POLICY

Existing trees in reserves and other property may fall resulting in a safety risk to the public, damage to property and/or inconvenience thus requiring removal of the fallen tree(s). The responsibility for the removal and costs associated with the removal of fallen trees is as follows:

3.1 TREES THAT FALL ONTO A SHIRE ROAD

3.1.1 Non-native or planted (non-remnant) trees growing on Shire owned or managed land

To be removed from the road by the Shire for safety reasons. If the planter of the tree is known then they will be requested to remove the remainder of the tree. The reimbursement of costs is to be sought from them. Otherwise, the Shire will remove the remainder of the tree from the verge.

3.1.2 Native and remnant trees growing in Shire owned or managed land

To be removed from the road and verge by the Shire.

3.1.3 Non-native or planted (non-remnant) trees growing on private property and/or non-Shire owned or managed land

To be removed from the road by the Shire for safety reasons. The property owner or organisation responsible for the land on which the tree came from will be requested to remove the remainder of the tree. Reimbursement of costs is to be sought from them.

3.1.4 Native and remnant trees growing on private property and/or non-Shire owned or managed land

To be removed from the road by the Shire for safety reasons. The property owner or organisation responsible for the land on which the tree came from will be responsible for the portion of the tree on their land and for any damage to their property.

3.2 TREES THAT FALL AFFECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY AND/OR NON-SHIRE OWNED PROPERTY.

3.2.1 Non-native or planted (non-remnant) tree growing on Shire owned or managed land

If the tree was not planted by the Shire, it is to be removed by the property owner and all repairs to be carried out at their cost. If the tree was planted by the Shire, the Shire will remove the tree and organise repairs to damaged property through its insurer.

3.2.2 Native and remnant trees growing on Shire owned or managed land

Where the stability of the tree has not been affected in anyway by any activities of the Shire, the tree is to be removed by the property owner and all repairs to be carried out at their cost. Where the stability of the tree has been affected by the activities of the Shire (i.e. building a road in close vicinity affecting root system) and this is clearly demonstrable, the Shire will remove the tree and organise repairs to damaged property through its insurer.

3.2.3 Trees growing on private property and/or non-Shire owned or managed land

To be arranged between to the property owners with no apportionment of responsibility or cost to the Shire.