



CITY OF HOPKINS  
PUBLIC WORKS

ORDINANCE      SECTION 28 - Shade Tree Disease Control

A tree has been identified on your property that has been found to have signs of DUTCH ELM/OAK WILT DISEASE/EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB). This tree MUST BE REMOVED or treated at your own expense per City Code Section 28-154.

**Diseased Elm:** must be removed within 20 days of notification. The forestry department will mark the specific date on your diseased tree removal disposition card.

**Diseased Oak:** Best removed in late fall to early spring to help prevent disease spread. In some instances you can remove the tree earlier. Check with your contractor to see what best suits your needs.

**Diseased Ash:** You have 60 days to inform the City of your intentions regarding the diseased tree(s). Check with your contractor to see if tree treatment is an option.

If the requirements are not met, the City will engage a contractor to remove the tree at the property owner's expense.

You may remove the tree yourself or choose your own tree contractor. The contractor should be insured for your own protection. The bids you receive should include the following: complete take down to ground level, debarking OR grinding of stump to below ground level. If the tree is an oak, please read the attached agriculture extension Oak Wilt brochure for removal requirements. If the tree sits under or near overhead power wires, please read the enclosed Xcel Energy brochure: Tree-Trimming Near Power Lines. If the instructions below are complied with, the City will haul away and dispose of logs and branches at no charge to the property owner.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Give this information to any bidding contractor. Logs and brush must be placed within 8 feet of the curb, not alleys, with butt ends facing all one way, parallel to the street. The location should be away from overhead wires and other obstacles such as fences, poles, trees or buildings. Trees not properly piled will not be picked up. Only diseased trees will be picked up. Logs need to be cut into 10 to 12 foot lengths. Large diameter (greater than 24") butt logs should be no longer than 6 feet. The contractor or homeowner is responsible for yard clean up. Schedule your pick up by calling 952-939-1382. Please specify if it is a diseased tree when calling, as these trees are not picked up with the normal brush pick up.

Please check and sign the diseased tree removal disposition card and return it to the Forestry Division as soon as a contractor is hired or you have removed the tree yourself. Be sure and return the disposition card.

PROCEDURE:

1. Tree identified at the property and personal contact, if possible.
2. Certified notice sent to property owner within two business days after marking the tree.
3. The City will send a final 10 day notice to remove or treat the diseased tree. If the tree is not dealt with in the timeline outlined for given tree disease or if the tree is still not removed after the final 10 day notice, it will be taken down by a contractor and billed to the property owner.
4. Certified to property taxes if not paid.