

TREE REGULATION
GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

It shall be illegal to cut or trim trees within the Gilford Village Historic District without approval of the Gilford Village Historic District Commission.

1. Trees may not be trimmed within the Historic District except, in cases where the limbs are dying, dead, decaying, diseased, are a safety hazard to the public or where such pruning will improve the overall appearance or vigor of the tree. The stubble and/or scars should be treated with appropriate preservatives.
2. Trees may not be cut within the Historic District except in cases where the tree is dying, dead, decaying, diseased, are a safety hazard to the public or such removal will improve the growth or appearance of adjacent trees.
3. In cases where it is necessary to remove a tree because of the aforementioned reasons, along the boundaries of town roads, the person removing or causing such tree removal shall cause the tree stump to be removed at least six (6) inches below ground level and shall cause the area to be loamed and seeded in season within thirty (30) days of such removal. Trees located other than along the road, street or high visibility locations need only be cut to the ground level.
4. In cases where it is necessary to remove a tree because of the aforementioned reasons along road and front lot boundaries, it shall be required that the person removing or causing such removal shall plant at least one tree as its replacement. The replacement tree shall be a minimum of eight (8) to ten (10) feet in height and shall be of a native species tolerant to salt injury such as Norway Maple, White Birch, American Ash, Honey Locust (thornless) and the Oaks.

Said replacement tree shall be installed no later than thirty (30) days after such tree removal during the preferred planting seasons. In case of tree removal during the winter months, said loaming, seeding and replacement planting shall be complete no later than the next following appropriate planting season. Planting seasons are considered to be approximately April – June and September – October.
5. Downed trees shall be cut up and utilized or removed. Slash will be removed or if in a woodlot chopped to within two (2) feet of the ground and allowed to rot. Chipping of slash is permitted.
6. In other than roadside locations any species are acceptable, however: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, White Pine, Red Pine, Little Leaf Linden, Balsam Fir, Spruce and Hemlock are adaptable to the New Hampshire growth zone.

If strict enforcement of items 3 and 4 will cause undue financial hardship on the part of the property owner, the Historic District Commission is empowered to waive such enforcement.

The regulation is intended to encourage the planting of trees within the Gilford Village Historic District. Trees along the street lot lines shall be of the size and varieties previously stated. Trees generally shall not be planted within the public right-of-way or in such a location as to be a safety hazard to the public or will obstruct sight distance of the motoring public.

This regulation is not intended to prohibit the trimming and/or removal of trees associated with the construction of dwellings, accessory buildings, driveways, walks, lawns and gardens.

This regulation does not apply to shrubs, groundcover and flowers. For aesthetic reasons, landowners are encouraged to leave as many trees as possible on their properties.

This regulation is not intended to prohibit the trimming and/or removal of trees uprooted or damaged by the elements such as snow, sleet, wind and the like.

This regulation also applies to trees within the public right-of-way that are maintained and/or removed by the Town of Gilford.

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