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Removal of Dead or Dying Trees

We wanted to remind all property owners of your responsibility to remove dead or dying trees from your property.

Township Ordinances 186-14G and 214-2 require property owners to remove dead or dying trees. This includes the municipal right-of-way strip which is the area between the owner's property line and edge of pavement. Failure to act can result in a notice of violation.

Property owners should be aware that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has led to the loss of ash trees in several areas of Byram Township.

If you discover that you have dead or dying trees, it is recommended you consult with a reliable and licensed tree removal company immediately.

In 2020 the Township received a grant to complete a Tree Risk Assessment Inventory of trees located with the municipal right-of-way strip. Trees included in the inventory were tagged and logged. The Township's Zoning Officer will be using the log to reach out to residents regarding the removal of hazardous trees with primary focus on ash trees or any hazardous trees that had been tagged for removal and are considered a public health and safety issue.

It is important that you walk the edge of your property and check for dead or dying ash trees. Dead or dying trees of any type pose a danger of falling on roads, power lines, or to yours or your neighbor's property.

Thank you for your attention to this message to ensure the safety of the community.

If you have any questions, please contact the Township's Zoning Officer at zoning@byramtwp.org or at 973-346-2500 ext. 131.

Following is a link to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture that will help you identify typical ash trees. Also, we have included pictures to help you identify dead or dying ash trees.

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/identifyingashtrees.html>