

Municipality Year Adopted and/or Last amended	Trees/Properties/Area of Lot Affected	Size/Species of Trees	Involved Officials And/Or Agency	Criteria for Removal of Tree	Elements of Tree Plan/Survey	Bond and fees	Guidelines/Requireme nts for Planting or Removal	Fines
<p>Town of New Castle Adopted 1992 Amended 2002 Amended 2006 Amended 2007</p>	<p>Permit required for: -Clearing – removal of more than 10 trees in ¼ acre within 1 year. -Removal of tree within landscape buffer zone or setback zone,as specified for district, except for removal of 2 or less trees in 2 acre or less in the setback zone within 1 year is exempt. - Removal of specimen tree - Removal of significant tree - Approved site plan, subdivision or special permit considered tree removal permit.</p>	<p>-Tree – 6” at 4.5 -Specimen Tree- any tree 24” at 4.5 or greater. -Significant Tree- defined on list to be established by Town Board, based on quality, uniqueness, historical significance of tree.</p>	<p>Town Engineer shall be approving authority except where Planning Board is approving agency. -Planning Board shall be approving authority for site plan, subdivision or special permit applications, -Appeals to Environment Review Board. -Planning Board can refer applicant to a chosen professional if they deem it necessary.</p>	<p>-Removal of tree without permit allowed in cases of emergency, forest management activities. -For tree removal permit: -Poor health of tree -Tree located near existing or proposed improvements: -3’of sidewalk or driveway -10’ of subsurface improvement -Effect on: -drainage patterns -growth of adjacent vegetation -property values and aesthetics of property and adjacent property -health, safety, welfare of persons -solar access -wildlife habitat</p>	<p>-For clearing: reasons for removal, plans showing vegetation before and after removal, and plans for restoration. -With exception of specimen trees, specific trees need not be identified.</p>	<p>-Fee to be set by Town Board. - Bond may be required -An application fee and inspection fee is required with the application. Fees related to the hiring of professionals beyond the Planning Board will be reimbursed by applicant.</p>	<p>A stormwater pollution prevention plan is required for any tree removal permit to be approved.</p>	<p>-\$50 min., \$250 max. -For second and subsequent offenses within 1 year, \$250 min., \$5000 max or 15 days imprisonment -Each offense and day considered separate. -Replacement of trees removed in violation may be required.</p>