

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 303 FRANKLIN STREET

TELEPHONE 535-2736

REPLY TO

WATKINS GLEN, N. Y. 14891

GUIDELINES FOR TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING

1. The Village is only responsible for trees that are located in the Village right-of-way, i.e. between the sidewalk and the curb or street.
2. The Village will not remove any healthy tree, even if it is disturbing the sidewalk. The Village will remove trees that are diseased or apparently dying. The Village will also grind stumps in the Village right-of-way when the number warrants renting a stump grinder, usually every three years.
3. The Village will only trim trees that are a danger to the electric power lines, including the service to the property.
4. The Village will not trim around cable or telephone lines. Those respective companies are responsible for the maintenance of those wires.
5. The Village will not trim limbs or branches that are disturbing or endangering roofs or driveways, even if the limbs and branches are from trees within the Village right-of-way. The property owner is responsible for protecting and maintaining their property. It is expected that the property owner will trim those limbs and branches in a responsible and aesthetic manner and as not to endanger the health of the tree.
6. The property owner is responsible for trimming and removing of branches and limbs that pose a danger to pedestrian traffic on the adjacent sidewalks.
7. The Village is responsible for trimming limbs and branches that are hanging low and causing a hazard to vehicular traffic.
8. The Village inspects the trees in the Village right-of-way once each year or upon written request by the property owner.

SUMMARY: The Village will only remove trees that are dead or dying and will only trim around electric wires.