TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF

TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

1. Narrative of Tree Maintenance Program

   The Township of Wyckoff is responsible for maintaining trees on the Township's public right-of-way along our streets, in our municipal parks and municipal owned properties.
   Prior to 2011, the Township of Wyckoff competitively bid out tree maintenance work annually on all Township trees located in the right-of-way. Private contractors who were the lowest bidder as well as the most responsive and responsible were awarded a contract for tree maintenance during winter months. In January 2012, the Wyckoff Township Committee made a decision to purchase a bucket truck to perform tree removals and pruning and/or elevating. The Wyckoff Public Works crew performs tree work on an as needed basis for trimming and pruning and removes trees which are dead and/or hazardous. Stump removals are performed by private contractors. By performing this work in-house, the Township has maximized the cost efficiency of tree maintenance. Of course, the Township crew also performs emergency tree work, primarily storm damage; removing fallen branches and trees from streets and resident homes.
   The Township utilizes its Recycling Center to compost tree debris.

2. The number of trees pruned, elevated and removed in the last 2.5 years.
   a. Elevated: 78
   b. Pruned: 246
   c. Hazardous dead trees removed: 163 (includes Superstorm Sandy trees)

3. Budget
   a. Shade Tree Commission Other Expense $ 6,000.
   b. Work Performed by Public Works Department related
      To tree maintenance
      1) Salary and wage $52,000.
      2) Other Expense $ 1,000.

4. Municipal Shade Tree Commission
   a. In-kind donation from two members of the volunteer Shade Tree Commission.
   b. 2.5 days – 6 laborers $1,500.