



# Township of Hillsborough

COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
 379 SOUTH BRANCH ROAD  
 HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY  
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COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
 21 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD  
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The Hillsborough Township Tree Maintenance Program involves a combination of in-house trained managers and personnel along with the hiring certified professional contractors. The program addresses three different key aspects of the towns tree maintenance needs. They are as follows:

1. Safety- Hazardous tree identification and removal as needed.
2. Maintenance - Pruning/Shaping for future growth which is an ongoing process.
3. Replacement - Provide replacement trees and new planting spots that conform to our Community Forestry Plan. Roughly 100 plus trees are planted per year.

The past few years has presented a challenge for the township’s DPW. There are a large number of Ash trees succumbing to the Emerald Ash Borer. This in itself has increased the number of takedowns on township owned land and right of ways. We have put extra funds and manpower to address these safety issues.

The program is funded by a Tree Mitigation fund that supports the costs of keeping the operation managed. Below is a snapshot of some key numbers.

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| Tree Management<br>1/17 to 6/19 |  |                                 |                        |                                       |
|                                 |  |                                 |                        |                                       |
| Training                        | Hazardous tree removal contracted services | Municipal manpower hrs per year | Tree Replacement Costs | Number of Trees Pruned yearly average |
| \$10,700.00                     | \$32,300.00                                | 1000                            | \$37,176.00            | 300                                   |

