



## **Hinckley Township Tree Trimming Policy**

1616 Ridge Road, Hinckley, Ohio 44233 - 330.225.2276

From time to time it becomes necessary for the Hinckley Township Service Department to remove trees or limbs within the township right-of-way as provided for in Ohio Revised Code Statute 5543.14. Township road right-a-ways are located thirty-feet (30) from the center line.

Reasons for removing trees or limbs vary greatly. Sometimes, trees or limbs need to be removed so drivers have a better field of vision to aid in making driving decisions, or to create a better "sight distance." These removals due to sight distance concerns are normally at intersections, curves, hills or other difficult areas.

Other times, removal may need to occur to "open up" the right-of-way, allowing sunlight to enter which can help to alleviate pavement deterioration caused by perpetual damp areas beneath the pavement. Sunlight also helps with snow and ice removal efforts. By allowing sunlight to more easily penetrate to a section of road, snow and ice will melt off faster.

Prior to the service department trimming trees in the right-of-way a member of the service department will notify the property owner of the scope of the work and clearly mark the branches/tree where the work shall occur. Trees located in the right-of-way will not be replaced by the township in the event they require removal. The service department will cut the trees as close to the ground as possible, the stumps are the responsibility of the property owner.

NOTE: When contemplating the planting of trees, please note that the road right of way must remain free and clear of any obstructions. Please contact the Service Department for proper distance from road edge for plantings.

**5543.14 County engineer to trim or remove vegetation along roads.**

The county engineer may trim or remove any and all trees, shrubs, and other vegetation growing in or encroaching onto the right-of-way of the county roads of the engineer's county, and the board of township trustees may trim or remove any and all trees, shrubs, and other vegetation growing in or encroaching onto the right-of-way of the township roads of its township, as is necessary in the engineer's or board's judgment to facilitate the right of the public to improvement and maintenance of, and uninterrupted travel on, county and township roads. The engineer or board is not required to compensate the abutting landowner for trimming or removing such trees, shrubs, and other vegetation as is necessary to facilitate these rights. The department of agriculture or other proper department may, with the consent of the proper authorities, take charge of the care of such trees to facilitate these rights. Such department may, with the consent of the proper authorities of the township, county, or state, plant trees along the public highway and may use any funds available for the development of forestry in the state to pay the expense of the planting and care of such trees. The ownership of all trees, so planted, shall remain in the public.

We ask that you review this tree trimming information and indicate below that you understand the policy and have been notified of the scope of the work to be undertaken by the service department.



I \_\_\_\_\_ have been informed as to the tree trimming work to be done within the Hinckley Township Right-of-Way located at \_\_\_\_\_, Hinckley, Ohio.

The scope of the work consists of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_