

Summerfield of Amherst Condominium Perimeter Tree Removal Guideline

Effective September 8, 2021, this guideline was incorporated into Summerfield 'Rules and Regulations'. This guideline was unanimously voted in the affirmative by all FY21 Board Members.

After many years' growth of perimeter trees, the Summerfield Board, initiated a multi-year program in Fiscal 2020 to remove selected trees on the perimeter of the property, subject to the approval of the Town of Amherst and the State of New Hampshire.

The primary driver of this program was the safety of our residents and their property. With the best of intentions, it must be recognized our ability to predict tree failure is not infallible. We are limited in our ability to foresee, which and when trees may fall. However, by utilizing the process outlined below we believe that risk of danger to individuals and property can be significantly but not totally reduced.

The Grounds Director and our tree removal expert will walk and assess the property perimeter annually.

All trees that are diseased or considered dangerous will be identified for removal.

Based on budget restrictions those trees considered most problematic, will be designated for removal during Fiscal 2021, 2022 and 2023.

To minimize costs of moving and resetting the crane, trees in close proximity will be removed at the same time.

Trees will be removed during the winter months after the ground has frozen sufficiently to minimize damage to the lawns.

Safety is our predominant consideration. We will consider Homeowners requests but the final determination for trees to be removed will be agreed between the Grounds Director and Tree expert on a case- by-case basis. If a resident wishes to remove a tree that they feel is a problem, they can request in writing to the Board the removal of that tree at their own expense. Request must be approved in the normal process by the Board and coordinated with our Tree Removal Company.