

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL

Policy Subject:	TREE REMOVAL POLICY	
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The Lapeer County Road Commission realizes that about 20% of all fatal crashes result from a vehicle leaving the roadway and hitting a fixed object. Trees are by far the most common objects struck, accounting for over half of all fixed object crashes.

Therefore on new construction, reconstruction or any work involving ditch relocation or realignment, on any County Primary Road and on any Local Road with an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) or a projected ADT of 750 or more; all the trees shall be cut within the limits of the right of way. In areas where the right of way exceeds 33 feet from centerline, all trees shall be cut within the first 33 feet.

On roads with an ADT of less than 750 that are being constructed, reconstructed or involve ditch realignment or relocation, trees may be cleared to a minimum distance of 10 feet from the edge of the traveled portion of the roadway.

It shall also be the policy of the Lapeer County Road Commission that any federal, state or local funds available which allow for tree removal shall be taken advantage of to clear as many hazardous trees as possible. On federal projects, notification shall be sent to affected property owners upon completion of preliminary survey or evaluation.

Variances may be approved at request of the property owner and at the discretion of the Board of Road Commissioners.

On all such above projects, the Lapeer County Road Commission will attempt to notify all property owners affected by the cutting, as well as the Township, a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the tree removals. The property owners will be required to notify the Road Commission prior to the cutting if they would like the wood from the trees trunks.