

TREE REMOVAL REPLACEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION****

**Per Ordinance #1615: “Chapter 22 Tree Removal Replacement” of the Code of the
Borough of Bogota
BOROUGH OF BOGOTA**

The Borough of Bogota amended Chapter 22 of its Borough Code to add Section 11 to comply with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requirements for stormwater management. This amendment focuses on tree removal and replacement on public and private property to reduce soil erosion, promote rainwater infiltration, and protect the environment.

Requirements and Procedures:

1. Tree Removal

- If you want to remove a tree with a trunk diameter of 2.5 inches or more for street trees, or 6 inches or more for other trees, you need to follow specific rules and apply for a permit.

2. Tree Replacement:

- You must plant new trees if you remove a tree or pay \$500 per tree unless exempt. The number of new trees depends on the size of the removed tree:

- Category 1-Trunk Diameter 2.5” to 12.99”**: Plant 1 new tree with a trunk diameter of at least 1.5 inches.

- Category 2-Trunk Diameter 13” to 22.99”**: Plant 2 new trees with trunk diameters of at least 1.5 inches each.

- Category 3- Trunk Diameter 23” to 32.99”**: Plant 3 new trees with trunk diameters of at least 1.5 inches each.

- Category 4-Trunk Diameter 33” or more**: Plant 4 new trees with trunk diameters of at least 1.5 inches each.

Submit a tree replacement plan with application or basis for exemption. Select from approved tree list.

3. Timing and Care:

- Plant the replacement trees within 12 months of removing the old tree.

- Monitor the new trees for 2 years to ensure they survive. Replace in 12 months if does not survive.

- Replacement trees cannot be planted in temporary pots or containers.

4. Exemptions:

- **Removal of Category 1, 2 or 3 tree if less than 4 in a 5 year period.**

- **Hazard trees, dead or diseased- no fee or replacement required**

§22-11.6 Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

These updates help keep our community compliant with state environmental requirements and ensure a healthier environment for everyone.

-----**APPLICANT TO FILL OUT**-----

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION		Date Submitted:
Block:	Lot:	
Property Location Name:		
Property Owner's Address:		
Tel #	Fax #	E-mail

SECTION 2: TREE INFORMATION		
Location of Tree:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Borough Shade Tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner's Property	
Tree Species:	Size:	Qty:
Proposed Work:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Planting- Specify type-See list	<input type="checkbox"/> Limb Removal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pruning	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Removal (specify reason) See replacement requirements p 1		
Name of Tree Removal/ Services Company		
Tel #	Fax #	E-mail

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

- a. The work shall be performed by a fully insured person or company in the business of tree service and removal.
- b. The Environment Commission will be notified in writing by the permit holder, in advance of the date the work is to be performed by returning a signed copy of this permit to the Environment Commission, c/o Borough Hall, 375 Larch Ave, Bogota, NJ 07603.
- c. The Borough of Bogota and the Environment Commission takes no financial or other responsibility for the work to be performed pursuant to this permit. The Permit Holder agrees to bear all costs and expenses of the work and you will make no claim against the Borough of Bogota or the Bogota Environment Commission to be reimbursed for those costs and expenses resulting from the work.

- d. The Permit Holder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of Bogota and the Bogota Environment Commission and their agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims for damages, personal injury or other loss that may result from the granting of this permit and the work to be performed as described above.

I have read this permit and I understand and agree to be bound by its conditions and the requirements of the ordinance. Please sign this permit acknowledging that you understand and agree to the conditions contained above.

Signature

Date

Office Use Only

The Bogota Environmental Commission hereby grants permission to the above applicant.

Bogota Environmental Commissioner

Date