

Oakland County Tree Removal Policy

The township has little to do with the trees that are in the right-of-way on the streets in South Bloomfield Highlands. Technically, the trees belong to the County and are taken care of by them. If a tree is diseased or dead, the county representative for our area will inspect the tree and measure from the center of the road. He or she will call the county to find out what the right-of-way is on that street (Hillsdale is 20 feet, Marlborough is 25 feet, etc.). If any part of the tree trunk is in the right-of-way, the county will accept responsibility and have it pruned or removed.

The county only owns two log loading trucks, so a downed tree can take as long as a month to be loaded up and carted away. BTW, the county contracts out the tree work to independent crews for this work. If you are concerned about the health of a tree that may be in the right-of-way on your property, call the township at 248-594-2800. They will contact the appropriate people at the county. The only time that the township will send out their crews is if a tree has fallen into the street and needs immediate removal.