

BCLCA Tree Removal Permit Application and Instructions

Why do I need a Tree Permit?

By covenant, Bear Creek Lake Civic Association (BCLCA) requires all residents to obtain permission before cutting any tree with a trunk diameter of 4 inches or more measured 36 inches up from the ground. Failure to obtain the required permit can result in a \$250 fine.

BCLCA prohibits property owners from removing more than 50% of the trees within a lot's interior boundary. By covenant, this is considered "Clear Cutting" and can result in a minimum fine of \$10,000 being levied on the property owner.

What issues qualify trees for removal?

Construction of a new home or septic system. Obviously dead or diseased trees. Incomplete summer foliage or loss of needles. Obvious pest damage or trunk core softness when probed with a suitable tool. Home, shed or septic system encroachment. Thinning for better forestry management.

How do I apply for a Tree Permit?

1. Review the Rules regarding tree preservation and removal in the BCLA Rules, pages 29 and 30.
2. Wrap all the trees you plan to remove with fluorescent tape to mark their location.
3. Complete the form below.
4. Complete the Lot Plan on page 2 of this application. Include the location of the street, property boundary, driveway, septic mound, and any buildings on the lot. To indicate each tree to be removed, draw a circle.
5. Return your completed application and Lot Plan to the office along with a \$10 application fee.
6. Upon approval, you will be contacted to pick up your permit. Your permit must be prominently displayed in a location visible from the street when cutting is taking place.

NOTE: Permits expire 3 months after they are issued.

Name _____ Date _____

BCL Address/Lot # _____ Phone _____
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Home Address if other than above:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

In accordance with the BCLCA Tree Preservation Rules, I am requesting permission to remove _____ trees from this property.

The locations of these trees are clearly marked on page 2 in the lot plan and do not violate the provisions of the BCLCA Tree Preservation Rules.

Signature of Owner
or Designated Representative

BCLCA Tree Removal Permit Lot Plan

In the space below, make a drawing of your property. Include your street, property boundaries, driveway, septic mound, and any sheds or buildings on your lot. Mark the location of each tree to be removed with a circle.

***** BELOW THIS LINE FOR BCLA USE ONLY *****

Application Fee - \$10

RECEIVED _____

NOT RECEIVED

Site Inspected by: _____ Inspection Date: _____

Permit Approved by: _____ Approval Date: _____

REMARKS: _____

