

Narragansett Public Works performs this routine maintenance work on a 4 or a 5-year cycle depending on your geographic area. The work is performed by personnel who are specifically trained for this work.

Each tree's size, shape and growth rate are taken into consideration during tree work. Narragansett DPW utilizes an arboricultural technique where a branch is cut back to the most practical off shoot. This practice minimizes the number of pruning cuts by removing fewer, larger limbs to produce the desired road clearance. This method is a true benefit to the health of the tree as it reduces the number of cuts that must heal, which in turn reduces disease and decay entry points.

If you have concerns about trees that are near or touching electric wires, property owners should call RI Energy Customer Service at 1-855-RIE (743)-1101 or visit www.rienergy.com for any pruning or removal work you would like to request. A representative will review your request at the earliest opportunity.

DPW Personnel are not authorized to trim branches within 10 ft. of power lines.

If you notice a tree issue within a 10 ft. radius of power lines, then please contact RI Energy.

The DPW crew directive is to prune all limbs up to 15 ft. above wires. It is possible that some main limbs on mature trees may remain inside of the clearance zone. This depends on the health of the tree and rate and direction of growth.

Clean Up and Wood Disposal

Crews will chip the branches they remove from trees as part of our cycle pruning program. They will rake the work area to pick up smaller twigs/debris and disperse sawdust. Pieces of wood that cannot be chipped will be cut into manageable lengths. In off-road and "unmaintained" areas, wood and brush will be left 'windrowed' along the edge of the right-of-way. Paths, drainage ditches and stream channels within the work area will be kept clear.

Stumps will be left cut as close to grade as possible and will go on our stump grinding list.

The Town of Narragansett has been selected and recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation each year since 2011 as a 'Tree City USA' area through our demonstration of quality tree care, annual worker training and Community tree planting programs.

We offer more information on the benefits of trees as well as the most appropriate tree selection for your landscaping needs.

We also offer a free Off Street Tree Planting Program.

To obtain more information please visit the Narragansett Tree Warden's page on the Town's website:
<https://www.narragansettri.gov/662/Tree-Warden>

