

## **Permits and Ordinances**

A permit is required for the removal or the planting of any tree located in the right-of-way within the Borough of Lewisburg. If a removal of a tree is approved, the Shade Tree Ordinance in Lewisburg allows the STC to require replacement of that tree.

Applications for permits must specify the location of where the proposed (new) tree is to be planted and the tree species must be identified. The Commission may refuse a permit to plant a species of tree which, in its opinion, is not suited to the location.

Applications for permits are reviewed monthly at the public Shade Tree Commission meeting. Specific ordinances that homeowners should be aware of include the allowed height of the branches. On the sidewalk side, a tree cannot have branches that are below 9 feet; on the street side, the branches cannot be lower than 15 feet.

This allows people and vehicles safe passage. However, remember that trees should not be aggressively pruned until they reach a 5" caliper. The Borough is required to keep these passages clear, and so has the legal right to trim branches to these specified heights without notice.

To see the detailed ordinances regarding shade trees, please click on the "Borough Codes-Online" tab located on the homepage.