

## Tree Trimming is Necessary for Public Safety and Tree Health

Trees must be properly maintained and pruned for the health of the tree and for public safety. The Village's tree trimming practices ensure that larger emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, school buses, ambulances, construction vehicles, electrical outage response trucks, street sweepers and sanitation trucks are able to navigate and operate safely in the street under varying weather conditions. Winter weather conditions such as snow and ice may weigh down branches lower than normally observed. Overhanging tree limbs can delay emergency response vehicles. Clearance is also essential for visibility of traffic signs and signals.

As a courtesy to all residents, street-side tree trimming is done routinely by the Public Works Department in the winter months with no cost to the adjoining property owners.

The Village trims trees for more reasons than you may think:

- Removal of potential safety hazards
- Vehicle and pedestrian clearances as identified above.
- Reduce storm damage and road closures due to high winds, snow and freezing rain
- Clearances for street signs, street lights, utilities and buildings

Trees trimmed using pruning tools as opposed to the constant collision of passing vehicles prevent damage to the trees, protects their health and prevents damage to those vehicles.

If you have any questions about street trimming of trees or other Public Works activities, you can contact the Village of Goshen Department of Public Works at 845-294-6288.