



Town of Paradise
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Paradise, CA 95969
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Town of Paradise – Tree Removal Program

The Town of Paradise is excited to announce that after many years of advocacy and planning, we are launching our Tree Removal Program. This project is funded by Hazard Mitigation Grant funds through FEMA/CalOES and will be managed by the Town Recovery & Economic Development Department.

Phase 1 - Application Period:
July 25, 2022 – September 30, 2022

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What exactly am I signing up for?**
 - At this time, you are able to sign up for Phase 1 of this program. Phase 1 consists of having your property assessed for eligible trees. After eligible trees are identified and approved, Phase 2 of the project will be a process for removal. **NO TREES WILL BE REMOVED AS A PART OF THIS PHASE OR AS A RESULT OF THIS APPLICATION.**
- **How long do I have to apply for the program?**
 - We will be accepting applications through **September 30, 2022.**
- **What does the assessment consist of?**
 - Town contracted arborists will visit your property, take an inventory, measurements and photos of trees to be included in the program. Trees will be marked with paint and a small barcode for tracking.
- **Do I have to remove all the trees assessed as eligible?**
 - Which trees are removed will be determined based on overall grant funding, the number of properties assessed and approved FEMA/CalOES eligibility. A property owner is not required to remove any or all of the trees ultimately determined to be eligible.
- **Can I sign up my neighbor's property?**
 - Applications must be completed by the property owner of a parcel. You are welcome to reach out and share applications with neighboring parcels.
- **When will my property be assessed?**
 - Assessments will occur as properties enroll and will typically happen within a couple of weeks of an accepted application.

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- **How much will this program cost?**
 - The assessment phase of this project has **no cost** associated with it. 75% of the cost is being covered by the HMGP Grant and the remaining 25% is being covered by the Town of Paradise.
 - The grant will cover 75% of the cost of tree removal in Phase 2. The Town continues to work to find additional sources of funding to assist with the 25% share that would be the maximum amount required to be provided by the property owner for the removal phase.
 - **Who will assess the trees?**
 - The Town has a contract with TRAC certified arborists to assess all properties that apply. The Town arborists must assess all properties for eligibility.
 - **When will I find out what trees were approved for removal?**
 - The Town will complete assessments on all properties enrolled by the end of October in order to get all of the information to FEMA/CalOES for the final eligibility determinations. We expect to have approvals by the end of the winter months in order to proceed with the Phase 2 removal process in the spring of 2023.
 - **When will the trees be cut and removed?**
 - Phase 2 removal of eligible trees will likely occur in the Spring of 2023. There will be a secondary process that will be outlined when eligible trees are confirmed by FEMA/CalOES.
 - **I have trees that have fallen down on their own, will the program remove them for me?**
 - Yes, trees that have fallen are considered eligible for this program.
 - **I cut down trees but have not removed them, will the program remove them for me?**
 - Trees that have been previously cut but not removed will be noted by the assessment process with a request for inclusion, but eligibility for program removal will be determined on a case -by-case basis by FEMA/CalOES.
 - **I have a tree that I do not want. Can I have the tree removed through this program.**
 - The purpose of this grant is to reduce fire hazard so only dead trees or trees that will not survive beyond one year are eligible for this program. Removal of a non-dead tree by preference is not eligible for this program.
 - **Will all of my dead trees be removed the program?**
 - In Phase 1, all dead trees on a parcel will be assessed, marked and tagged. Phase 2 will consist of property owners being notified of which trees have been approved for removal. The Phase 2 process will allow for property owners to determine which of the eligible trees are ultimately removed based on preference and cost.
 - **Can I hire a tree contractor to remove the trees once they are marked and tagged in Phase 1?**
 - You are free to do anything with the trees on your property, but any trees removed between assessment and removal by the Phase 2 process would be **ineligible** for reimbursement through this program.

*Please direct additional questions to trees@townofparadise.com
or call 530-872-6291 x162*



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Return this form in person or via mail/email:
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Property Address for Assessment: _____
Assessor’s Parcel No. (APN): _____
Property Owner Name(s): _____
Property Owner Current Address: _____
Property Owner Phone Number: _____
Property Owner Email: _____

I / we, _____, certify that I am / we are the owner(s) or authorized agent of the real property located at the above address (hereinafter “Owner”). I / we hereby certify that I / we have full power and authority to execute this Tree Removal Program Assessment Access Form (the “Assessment Access Form”) without the need for any further action, including, but not limited to, notice to or approval from any other party.

I / we hereby grant, the Town of Paradise and their officers, employees, agencies, and independent contractors (collectively, the “Government”), pursuant to this Assessment Access Form, a temporary permit upon the real property specified above by address and APN (hereafter the “Property”) for the purpose of assessing trees that may be determined to be eligible for later removal as a part of the Town of Paradise Tree Removal Program.

Initials of all owners required for each of the following:

_____ The permit granted by this Assessment Access Form shall begin upon receipt of the complete form and terminate when the Government has completed the tree assessment inspection process. This permit and access does not include any compensation by either party.

_____ Owner agrees that the methodology for identifying eligible trees, and the selection of the subject matter expert to assess the property for trees eligible for later removal shall be at the sole discretion of the Government, and Owner expressly waives and releases any claims in that regard. Owner expressly waives his or her rights to bring proceedings in law or equity against the Government with respect to the Tree Removal Program.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that the Government is not liable for any claim based on the exercise or performance, or failure to exercise or perform, a discretionary function, and promises not to make such a claim. Owner further releases and agrees to hold and save harmless the Government from all liability for any damage or loss whatsoever that may occur during or after the Government's property assessment pursuant to this Assessment Access Form. Owner therefore waives any claims or legal action against the Government relating to this Inspection Access Form.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that there is no cost to have property assessed for trees potentially eligible for later removal.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that this form is limited to the visual assessment of trees for eligibility and does not promise, guarantee or require trees to be removed.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that the Town of Paradise and FEMA/CalOES will later inform the property owner of which trees are determined to be eligible for removal as a part of the removal phase of the Town of Paradise Tree Removal Program.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that any trees removed after assessment and before eligibility has been confirmed by the Town of Paradise and FEMA/CalOES will be ineligible for grant funding reimbursement as a part of the Town of Paradise Tree Removal Program.

_____ Owner hereby acknowledges that the process, methods and costs of the eventual removal of trees determined to be eligible under the Town of Paradise Tree Removal Program will be provided after the eligibility determination made by the Town of Paradise and FEMA/CalOES. This grant requires that a maximum of 25% of all removal process costs to be provided by the property owner.

Owner signature

Owner 2 signature

Print name

Print name

Date

Date

For Town Office Use:

Date Received

Date Info Confirmed

Date Submitted for Assessment

Parcel Size