



City of Takoma Park **Emergency Tree Fund Criteria**

Who is eligible?

- Using the chart below, which reflects income level 85% below the median income in Montgomery County and also takes household size into consideration. These numbers are derived from those published by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL GROSS INCOME
1	\$72,240
2	\$82,560
3	\$92,880
4	\$103,200
5	\$111,456
6	\$119,712
7	\$127,968
8	\$136,224

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The fund is established yearly with \$25,000 available.

Are use of the funds capped at a certain amount per household?

- The amount of funds per home is not capped and will be based on the funding level available.

What kind of tree issues are eligible for use of the funds?

- The funds are intended to be used for removal or pruning of hazardous or dead trees that are a danger to property or person. In some cases, taking the top off the tree to eliminate the hazard would be the recommended course of action rather than full removal.

If I am approved for use of the funds, what happens after that?

- Once approved, the city will identify a contractor and will make arrangements for the work. The property owner will be notified of the schedule. The City will pay the contractor directly.

Other points to consider:

- Resident will need to submit a tree removal application. It is best if this is done prior to the request for assistance from the emergency tree removal fund.
- The application fee is \$25 for a waiver. If the property owner is not able to pay the application fee, they can contact the City arborist and notify them of the potentially hazardous tree and request assistance.