

Residents' guide to the protection of Township trees

It is very likely that a portion of your front yard is Ferguson Township right-of-way, and a tree that may appear to be part of your property may actually belong to the Township.

Before you consider removing, treating or otherwise altering what may be a Township tree, please consult the Ferguson Township Tree Ordinance for guidelines (you'll find excerpts below), or contact the Ferguson Township Arborist.

You'll also need to determine where your property line is located. Where your property line ends is where the Township right-of-way begins. Right-of-way widths vary depending on the street and location, but one thing you can be sure of: Any tree in the space between the sidewalk and the curb is the property of the Township. In neighborhoods without sidewalks, identifying the right-of-way can be difficult.



Typically, utility boxes, telephone poles, and public signage are located in the right-of-way, and can be helpful to approximate whether a tree is Township property, but this is not always an exact science.

Ferguson Township's street and park trees are protected under the Township's Code of Ordinances. Violations of the Tree Ordinance carry a penalty payable by fine and the cost of replacing the tree.

If you are uncertain about a tree in your front yard that appears to need attention, please contact the Ferguson Township Arborist at (814) 238-4651.

Ferguson Township Tree Ordinance

