



# BEXLEY URBAN FORESTRY DEPT. SWEET GUM REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Sweet Gum tree is a hardy, urban-tolerant tree that has been planted in the past in Bexley. There are approximately 130 Sweet Gums planted within the City's right-of-way. The Sweet Gum is now on the City's list of prohibited street trees due to their prolific fruit, which can be unsightly and requires a higher degree of homeowner maintenance than most other street trees.

The City has received requests from time to time from residents who would like to have the Sweet Gum trees bordering their property removed. Based upon the volume of complaints, as well as the hardship imposed by residents due to the maintenance burden of Sweet Gums, the City has created a proactive Sweet Gum mitigation plan. The details of the plan are:

- The City will remove up to 5 Sweet Gum trees per year.
- Only one tree per block face can be removed within a three-year period
- Trees will be removed based upon resident request, prioritized by the date received.
- Otherwise healthy Sweet Gum trees will be eligible for removal.
- Prior to removing a Sweet Gum, residents must review and sign off on an authorization form that includes information that outlines the detrimental results of tree removal, including reduced shade, decreased energy efficiency, reduced privacy, and aesthetic impacts.





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## Sweet Gum Tree Removal Request and Acknowledgement Form

### Applicant Information

Name of Resident:

Address of Home:

### Applicant Acknowledgment

In requesting the removal of the sweet gum(s) on City right-of-way bordering my property, I acknowledge the following:

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I have discussed the way removal may impact shade and privacy in my yard with a City arborist.

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I have discussed the way removal may impact energy efficiency at my property with a City arborist.

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I have discussed the way removal may impact the aesthetic and curb appeal of my property with a City arborist.

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I have discussed the size of any replacement trees that might be planted, as well as their projected rate of growth and the time required to reach maturity with a City arborist.

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I am aware that my tree removal will be scheduled based upon the order in which this request was received, and that the removal of unhealthy trees in Bexley will take priority.

**Please provide any additional comments & your signature on the back of this form.**



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**Additional Comments:**

Property Owner Signature

Date

**Internal Office Use Only:**

<input type="text"/>	Received By:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	Signature:	<input type="text"/>