



## **Tree Management Program**

The 2009 Tree Management Program has been continued into 2010. Before a tree can be removed, however, the following criteria must be met. A tree must be:

1. Sick or diseased beyond cure;
2. Leaning and/or overhanging a house, garage, deck or pool to such a degree that a sufficient storm would likely result in damage to that property;
3. Causing mold or mildew, rot or damp situations because of size, close proximity to dwelling;
4. Growing so close together as to deter the health of individual trees; and
5. No longer living (dead).

The homeowner should contact the tree company of their choice to inspect their situation. (The ARC maintains a list of tree companies who do quality work at reasonable prices. Please call for the list if necessary). The tree company will do an inspection and determine a course of action, based on the presentation of factual data (phone, email or written estimate) in line with the above five criteria.

**Once the trees that meet the above criteria have been determined the procedure is as follows:**

1. Trees must be marked;
2. Call the ARC for Permit (**no fee involved**); and
3. The ARC will check the trees and leave the Permit on site.
4. If you are within 100' of any water, you must consult Mashpee Conservation (508 539-1400 Ext 540) prior to removal or trimming trees.

**Please note that Tree Removal Permits are good for 30 days. All limbs and tree debris must be removed from the property and areas left with no evidence that a tree has been removed. At no time should debris be left on a neighbors' property, easement or Reserved Land. Woodchips should be removed from the property completely and must not be spread.**

This is **not** open season on tree removal. This is **not** a lot clearing policy. We believe in maintaining the look of New Seabury in line with our original concept design; however, we have allowed things to go too far with too much overgrowth.

All local tree companies have received this information. It will also be provided each and every time they approach the ARC to perform work on behalf of a homeowner.

We appreciate all homeowners' interest in maintaining the original concept of New Seabury and at the same time, cleaning up lots that are overgrown by eliminating or reducing the impact of insect and disease while working with us to improve the overall health of our tree population.

This program does not apply to the limits of clearing process in place for all new construction.

Questions? Please call Frankie at the ARC at 508-477-8855 for answers and help.