

## **City of Gering Tree Removal Rebate Program**

The City of Gering recognizes the importance of a safe tree canopy as a component of a healthy community forest. Each year the City provides \$1,500 to assist property owners with removal of dead trees or trees that have been identified as a hazard. The City is sponsoring a rebate program for the removal of dead trees, trees with significant storm damage and trees that have been identified by an ISA Certified arborist or a Nebraska Arborist Association (NAA) Certified Arborist as a hazard tree. The rebate period is from October 1 through September 30. Property owners will receive a \$150.00 rebate per tree upon meeting all of the guidelines below.

1. Trees must be dead or if still alive, must be identified as a hazard by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist or a Nebraska Arborist Association (NAA) Certified Arborist in order to qualify for the rebate. In order to be recognized as a hazard tree written documentation from an ISA or NAA certified arborist is required stating the tree poses a high probability of failure.
2. Trees shall be 12" in diameter at breast height or larger to qualify for removal rebate.
3. Tree(s) identified to be removed must be approved by a member of the Gering Tree Board or City of Gering Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Director **prior to removal**.
4. Written estimates from **two (2)** licensed tree services must be provided with the application form. (list of City of Gering licensed tree services listed below)
  - a. Estimate shall include cost of tree removal and stump grinding. (In order to receive reimbursement stump must be removed by grinding to a depth of 6" below natural grade of landscape.)
5. Once tree has been inspected and approved for removal and at least two (2) quotes have been submitted to the City, the City will contact applicant to proceed with removal.
6. To receive rebate applicant must present to the city office a sales slip stating the date of the removal and total cost of the removal including stump grinding. A Gering Tree Board member or Director of Parks will

inspect the site post removal to certify all aspects of removal were done properly.

7. Trees to be considered for rebate must be removed during the rebate period. No rebates will be given if removal takes place out of rebate period. Property owners have 15 days from September 30<sup>th</sup> to submit application for trees removed in rebate period to receive rebate.

**Licensed Tree Service Companies**

A+ Tree Service	Scottsbluff	635-2159
Tree Monkeys	Scottsbluff	641-3785
Tip Top Tree Service	Mitchell	623-2725
Modern Arboriculture	Bayard	631-4315
Affordable Tree	Gering	641-3601

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach copy of quotes from  
two (2) City of Gering  
LICENSED TREE SERVICE COMPANIES**

**DRAW LOCATION OF THE TREE(S) IN**

**RELATION TO THE HOUSE, STREET AND  
OTHER PERMANENT OBJECTS.**

**For official use:**

- Application submitted prior to tree removed
- Tree is 12" DBA or larger
- Tree is dead
- Documentation from NAA or ISA Certified Arborist recognizing tree as hazard
- Received two quotes from City of Gering licensed tree service
- Stump ground 6" below natural grade

**APPROVED BY** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(TREE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE)**