

Tree Removal Information

The following applies only if you choose to hire the City contractor to remove your diseased tree(s) rather than a private contractor.

PAYMENT METHOD OPTIONS

Question: How do I pay for a tree removal invoice?

Answer: You may make payment(s) using any of the following methods.

NOTE: All payment methods listed below must be initiated by you. The City is unable to "pull" payments such as ACH or EFT payments from a bank account.

PAPER CHECK:

- Mail to: 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431
- Drop off in person at the Finance Department during regular business hours, or place in a drop box located in the West parking lot or inside any of the three (3) entryways.

ONLINE BILL PAY:

- You may arrange with your bank/financial institution to issue payment.
- Reference your Customer Number (5 digits) found on your invoice when setting up your online payment "payee"*.

**PAYEE - If you are currently using Online Bill Pay (not ACH/EFT) to pay your Utility/Water/Garbage bill to the City of Bloomington (the payee) you must set up a separate/new payee account to pay the City of Bloomington for this invoice, as your tree invoice(s) are transacted in a separate billing system.*

DEBIT CARD OR CREDIT CARD:

- Call the Cashier to process your payment 952-563-8757. Business hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Question: When is an unpaid tree removal invoice eligible to be levied as a Special Assessment to my property taxes?

Answer: The Special Assessment timeline is determined based on the invoice date. (See chart below)

Invoice date	January 1 - May 31	June 1 - December 1
Pay in full on or before to avoid \$50 administrative assessment charge	June 30	June 30
Administrative assessment fee \$50 charged on or after	July 1	July 1
*Payment deadline to prevent a new levy special assessment	November 29	November 29
Unpaid balance is levied to Hennepin County property taxes	November 30	November 30
	Due the year the invoice was issued	Due the year following the invoice date

EXAMPLE SCENARIOS		
	\$1,750 invoiced on January 15, 2023	\$3,500 invoiced on August 1, 2023
Pay in full on or before to avoid \$50 administrative assessment charge	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Administrative assessment fee \$50 charged on or after	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
*Payment deadline to prevent a new levy special assessment	November 29, 2023	November 29, 2024
Unpaid balance is levied to Hennepin County property taxes	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2024
Tax levy term (6.5% interest)	2024-2026 (3 years)	2025-2029 (5 years)
**Pay off on or before November 15, during the post levy term	2024-2026	2025-2029

TAX LEVY TERM PERIODS AT 6.5% INTEREST	
Levy term 3 years	Invoice(s) total below \$3,000
Levy term 5 years	Invoice(s) total \$3,000 - \$5,999
Levy term 10 years	Invoice(s) total \$6,000 and above

*NEW LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

To avoid having these charges added to your property taxes, any remaining balance must be paid by the close of City business on November 29. If November 29 falls on a weekend, payment must be made by the last regular business day before November 29. If you are unable to pay off the total remaining balance, you may make partial payment(s) prior to November 29 to reduce the amount of the new levied special assessment.

**POST LEVY - AFTER UNPAID BALANCE HAS BEEN LEVIED TO THE PROPERTY TAXES:

During your 3, 5 or 10 year Special Assessment period you may payoff the balance in FULL on or before the close of City business on November 15. If November 15 falls on a weekend, the payoff must be made by the last regular business day before November 15. ALL Special Assessment payoffs must be paid to the City of Bloomington Assessor's Office, call (952) 563-4743 for payoff balance information.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL:

If you are 65 years or older, or permanently and totally disabled you may qualify for a deferment program. The deferment program does not excuse the assessment but puts off the payment of the assessment to a future date. Interest accrues for as long as the assessment is deferred. The property must be homesteaded, and the total assessment must be \$750 or more. Call the Assessing Office at (952) 563-4743 for more information.

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:
EMAIL AT AR@BLOOMINGTONMN.GOV OR CALL (952) 563-4698.**