

My sidewalk may be lifted by roots from a Shade Tree, and I need to repair it. What is the procedure?

Thank you for maintaining your property, for safety as well as aesthetic reasons!

1. First, retain a bonded mason contractor, who will secure a permit with the Borough to open the sidewalk.
 - Contact the Building Department at 973-427-5555 X214 for the permits process.
 - Take a moment to think about any trees that are located within 10 feet of the street curb. If a tree (wholly or partially) is located in this space, you **MUST** contact the Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission (see step 2)
2. The contractor or homeowner should contact the Shade Tree Commission to inspect any tree located within 10 feet of the curb and may be impacted by the sidewalk repair.
 - The HSTC Arborist can determine what course of action is needed once the slab is lifted.
 - Please be sure your construction site is clearly marked to avoid accidents!





- HawthorneShadeTree@hawthornenj.org or phone: 973-427-5555 x318
 - No action should be taken with respect to the tree by the homeowner or the contractor. Any cutting without approval can result in a violation

- 3. The Certified Tree Specialist will come and review the tree and its roots to determine next steps.
 - Due to scheduling, the CTS may be there within a week to 10 business days
 - Work CANNOT proceed until the Arborist gives approval
 - Failure to obtain the Arborist approval may result in a fine and delays in your project as allowed by the Borough Shade Tree Ordinance, covered under Borough Ordinance Chapter 174