

Summary of Municipal comments to Crabapple Tree survey

City of Mississauga:

Quoted from a phone conversation with Mr. Andrew Puchalski, Forestry Inspector and Acting Forestry Coordinator.

How many calls in a year you receive for removal crabapples?

Quoted *"We seasonally get calls re: crabapples pertaining to scab when they are being affected most."*

Do you treat apple scab?

Quoted *"We as of yet, do not treat them and do not remove them as long as they are still alive."*

Do you remove trees because of apple scab infestation?

Quoted: *In areas with excessive Crab Apple concentration, we systematically remove the worst few. However, we make decision on removal primarily on actual canopy decline. Seeing losses of up to 10% in some areas where streets were dominated by them."*

City of Burlington:

Quoted from a phone conversation with Mr. Steve Robinson, Manager of Urban Forestry.

How many calls in a year you receive for removal crabapples?

Quoted *"Apples are exempt under the public tree bylaw, typically meaning there is no consideration given as to whether the tree could be retained by forestry inspectors; it is typically an automatic removal. That said, typically the request for removal is the result of the tree being in decline, ex. large cavity"*

Do you treat apple scab?

Quoted: *"We do not have a treatment plan for apple scab in Burlington"*.

Do you remove trees because of apple scab infestation?

Quoted: *"We try to educate people and save trees instead of removing them. We do receive similar requests to remove other species due to their nuisance, such as requests to remove magnolia due to magnolia scale that attracts wasps. Even though under the city's public tree by-law, City Arborist and Director have the right to remove crabapples, Forestry staff try to convince homeowners that all these species provide tree canopy and benefits to the community and will not be removed"*.

City of Hamilton:

Quoted from Ms. Anna-Marie Burrows, Project Manager of Forestry Health, Public Works Department:

How many calls in a year you receive for removal crabapples?

Quoted: *The city did not have crabapple as one of their trees to plant so we would not have any calls from residents"*.

Do you treat apple scab?

Quoted *"There are some in parks so they are treated if required or removed"*.

Do you remove trees because of apple scab infestation?

Quoted: *We might remove some when required.*

City of London:

Quoted from a phone conversation with Mr. Andy Beaton, Manager of Forestry Operations.

How many calls in a year you receive for removal crabapples?

Quoted: *We receive quite a number of calls for removal of crabapple mainly due to defoliation due to apple scab.*

Do you treat apple scab?

Quoted: *We do not treat as it can change from year to year due to how wet the spring is and summer drought causing leaf loss. We try to educate the property owner on how scab effects the tree.*

Do you remove trees because of apple scab infestation?

Quoted: *If removal is requested, we apply fees under our Boulevard Tree Protection bylaw for consensual removal. The property owner pays the fee upfront, we remove and replant elsewhere.*

City of Guelph:

Quoted from a phone conversation with Ms. Timea Filer, Urban Forestry Field Technologist.

How many calls in a year you receive for removal crabapples?

"We are not actively removing any crabapples and don't often get calls for fruit production nuisance. I think people tend to "put up with them" but we really have few crab apple trees adjacent to sidewalks or other areas with high use."

Do you treat apple scab?

"Yes, we are also having serious issues with apple scab but no IPM at this point".

Do you remove trees because of apple scab infestation?

"No, we prune trees that are not dead. I was literally just setting up a meeting with one of our Horticulture staff to arrange to prune three specific ones on request by a resident who tells me the neighbourhood actually harvests the apples. As a side note, our Private Tree Bylaw lists crab apples (and other fruit trees with fruit for human consumption) under species of trees that can be removed without a permit."