

Lower Makefield

Farmland Preservation, Inc.

Policy: Weather-Related Damage from LMFPI Trees

(Adopted 07/18/2025)

The following policy is derived from Pennsylvania common law with an eye toward how each of us as LMT homeowners would interact with our neighbor should a tree of theirs fall into our yard and/or cause damage to our property.

If, due to wind, rain, hail, snow, or other natural events, a **healthy**¹ tree on Lower Makefield Farmland Preservation, Inc. (LMFPI) property causes visible damage to a neighboring property (such as a fence, shed, or house), the following applies:

- The neighbor is responsible for removing damaged trees and/or debris and making repairs on their property, in accordance with local ordinances.
- LMFPI is responsible for removing damaged trees and/or debris and making repairs on its own property, in accordance with local ordinances.
- If the tree at issue is a boundary tree as defined in Property Line Trees Policy and Practices dated 11/15/2021, repair and cleanup costs are shared proportionally between LMFPI and the neighboring property owner.

As with all interactions with our neighbors are concerned, best practice is for timely communication so that misunderstandings are kept to a minimum.

¹ If the tree was **dead, diseased, or visibly hazardous**, and LMFPI **knew** of its condition, each case will be reviewed individually to determine if remediation or other action is warranted.