



# Tree Removal Permit Application

Department of Planning & Community Development  
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CONTACT INFORMATION

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Property Residential or Non-Residential?      Residential      Non-Residential

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED

TREE INFORMATION

Total Number of Trees on Property (not including bushes or shrubs): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tree(s) Being Removed: \_\_\_\_\_

Diameter of Tree(s) Being Removed (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Tree(s) Being Removed: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Tree(s) Being Removed: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED

Tree replacement or relocation shall be in accordance with City Land Use Regulations for species size and number of replacements required for each tree removal, unless otherwise approved or required by the City. In no case shall the approved replacement be less than one for one with the replacement trees being those which have a two-inch trunk diameter 4½ feet above the ground and a minimum canopy spread of six feet.

TREE REPLACEMENT/RELOCATION

TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS				
PROTECTED SPECIES TO BE REMOVED	DIAMETER	ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT SPECIES	REPLACEMENT RATIO	REPLACEMENT TREE MINIMUM DIAMETER
Live/Laurel Oak	4" – 7.99"	Live Oak	2:1	2"
Significant Live/Laurel Oak	8" – 30"	Live Oak	4:1	2"
Grand Tree	30.01" or larger	Live/Laurel Oak or similar native species	10:1	2"
Significant Stands of Live/Laurel Oaks	Any stand of Live Oak trees whose trunk diameters may be less than 4" encompassing a compact stand or grove covering 50sq.ft. or more	Live Oak or similar native species	Per City Approval	
All Other Significant Trees	8" – 30"	Native Species	2:1	2"
All Other Non-significant trees	4" – 8"	Native Species	1:1	2"

By my signature, I certify (1) that all the information I have furnished on this application is true, (2) that I am competent to execute the job I am applying for, and (3) that I will call for all inspections required for this job.

Signature of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED

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Application Fees:  
 Fee Required: **\$20/tree** (Residential Properties)  
**\$50/tree** (Non-Residential Properties)

FEE COLLECTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIPT #: \_\_\_\_\_

Approvals:  
 M. Runnals: \_\_\_\_\_

Replacement Required? \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TREES THAT DO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR REMOVAL (PROTECTED TREES):**

A **protected tree** is defined for the purposes of these LURs as a woody, self-supporting plant, having a mainstem or a cluster of mainstems and having a diameter at breast height (four and one-half feet above ground) of four inches; a tree is further defined as a plant which at maturity grows to at least 15 feet high in the Manatee County area. Also specifically included are the following regardless of size:

- Rhizophora mangle (Red Mangrove)
- Laguncularia racemosa (White Mangrove)
- Avicennia germinans (Black Mangrove)
- Conocarpus erecta (Buttonwood)
- Group of four or more trees which may have trunk diameters of less than four inches but which constitute a compact unit or grove covering 50 square feet or more in area.

**Dead trees** are not exempt from permit requirements and must be inspected prior to removal and replaced in accordance with these land use regulations.

**Tree trimming** which threatens the life of the tree or deforms the natural canopy is prohibited. No more than one-third of a tree's crown or foliage area shall be removed during the life of the tree. Intrusive attachments or impacts to protected trees such as nails, screws, or drilling are prohibited except for trees located in rear yards of single-family residences.

**TREES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR REMOVAL:**

The trees listed below are exempt from Tree Removal Permit requirements unless they are part of an approved landscape/PDP Plan, and are either prohibited from planting or not creditable toward tree replacement or landscaping requirements:

*Invasive species prohibited trees (F.S.)*

- Casuarina equisetifolia (Australian Pine)
- Casuarina glauca (Brazilian Beefwood)
- Melaleuca quinquenervia (Australian Paperbark)
- Mimosa pigra (Catclaw Mimosa)
- Schinus terebinthifolius (Brazilian Pepper)
- Albizia julibrissin (Mimosa)
- Albizia lebbek (Woman's Tongue)
- Broussonetia-papyrifera (Paper Mulberry)
- Cinnamomum camphora (Camphor)
- Cupaniopsis-anacardioides (Carrotwood)
- Dalbergia sissoo (Indian Rosewood)
- Enterolobium cyclocarpum (Elephant's Ear)
- Ficus (all)
- Leucaena leucocephala (Lead Tree)
- Melia azedarach (Chinaberry)
- Sapium sebiferum (Chinese Tallow)
- Scaevola taccada (Scaevola)

Other trees:

- Fruit trees, including, but not limited to, Citrus (all) Mango, Avocado
- Palms, except Sabal Palms, or groupings of four or more Silver, Paurotis, Key Thatch, and Florida Thatch Palms; in some cases, the PCD director may give credit on a case by case basis.
- Trees destroyed or harmed by hurricane or tornado, however, the PCD director must be notified at least two days in advance of the removal so that an inspection can be made. If the PCD director determines that the tree is not severely harmed, the tree shall not be removed except through the approval of a permit application. If the PCD director does not respond within two working days of the request, the request shall be considered approved.
- Trees that threaten public safety may be removed without a permit if the threat is imminent. A tree removal permit is required after the fact.