



CITY OF TAMPA

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Guide to Tree Questions in the City of Tampa

Trees being removed without permits? Call the **TREE HOTLINE: 258-TREE**

All trees 5” and over in trunk diameters that are located on private property are protected in the City of Tampa, and permits for removal must be obtained prior to tree removal. All cypress and mangrove trees, regardless of size, require a permit for removal. This applies to private property and public right of way. The private property owner is responsible for making sure proper permits are obtained. Permit applications are processed at the Construction Services Center, 1400 N. Boulevard, 274-3100. **Applications are not permits, an inspector will verify that your request meets Chapter 13 requirements for removal. Permit fees are \$99.00 for each site.**

Trees over 34” in trunk diameter may qualify for grand tree designation. Grand trees have elevated protection requirements and may only be removed under certain circumstances. In addition, permits are required for pruning grand trees. Permit fees for pruning grand trees are \$99.00 for each site. Permit fees for hazardous grand tree removal are \$128.00 for each site; non-hazardous grand tree removal requests are \$514.00. Please contact Parks and Recreation, Natural Resources Division, 274-5164 for additional information.

If trees are located on public property (right of way and open alleys), and are dead, dying or dangerous, the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department or the Clean City Division will remove or prune the trees. Please contact the Natural Resource Division at 274-5164.

Trees that are located on private property, but overhang public property or streets, will only be pruned by the City of Tampa if they are interfering with access or emergency vehicle height clearance. Pruning will also occur if there has been a branch failure that is blocking access to a public street, sidewalk or driveway apron off the public street. Please contact the Natural Resource Division for additional information.

Tampa Electric prunes trees in public rights of way or utility easements only. Please contact Tampa Electric at 813-630-6339, or the City of Tampa Natural Resource Division for questions or concerns.

The following trees **do not** require permits for removal:

Eucalyptus tree, Ear tree, Punk tree, Chinaberry tree, Cherry laurel tree, Brazilian pepper tree, Monkey puzzle tree, Silk oak tree, Mimosa tree, Queen palm, Wild cherry tree; citrus spp., Chinese tallow tree; Lead tree, Rosewood tree, Earleaf acacia tree, Surinam cherry, Carrotwood tree, Golden rain tree and, Schefflera tree.

Want a free tree planted in front of your right of way? Contact the Community Tree Program at 274-5164 or online to www.tampagov.net and follow links to Parks and Recreation Community Tree Program. **The Community Tree Program only plants trees for those citizens that are willing to assume maintenance responsibility.** The Natural Resource Division will provide all information relative to maintaining and establishing your new tree.