



Tree Maintenance Policy

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TREE TOPPING

No trees shall be topped with the following exceptions:

- Staff would be authorized to 'top' a tree to treat or eliminate an insect or disease infestation.
- Staff would be authorized to 'top' a tree that has already been topped and is deemed to not be a candidate for restoration trimming.
- Trees shall not be topped to preserve, enhance, or create a view.

TREE TRIMMING

Tree trimming is scheduled on a species based five-year schedule, any tree trimming request outside of this schedule shall be considered "off schedule."

- Off schedule trimming shall not be considered to remove or reduce litter, leaf drop or nuisance.
- Trimming, whether on or off schedule, shall not be considered to preserve, enhance, or create a view.
- Off schedule trimming requests will be reviewed by a staff arborist and, if necessary, referred to the Committee.
- Trimming requests for clearance to buildings or damage to infrastructure shall be performed at no cost to the owner.
- Off schedule requests approved for the convenience of the requestor shall be performed as a chargeable service.

TREE REMOVAL

Unless there is a purposeful reason, trees should not be removed merely because they are messy, or because of residents' personal preferences concerning shape, color, size, or fragrance.

- Trees shall not be removed to preserve, enhance or create a view.
- Trees which are damaging or will damage a structure, pose a hazard, diseased, in failing health or interfering with neighboring trees, will be considered for removal.
- Removal requests will be reviewed by a staff arborist and, if necessary, referred to the Committee.
- Staff would be authorized to evaluate stands of trees in selected areas and recommend the selective removal of certain trees within the grouping while still preserving the overall look and intent of the grouped plantings. The Landscape Committee shall consider such recommendations.

FRUIT TREE MAINTENANCE

Fruit tree maintenance is the sole responsibility of the owner.

In order to reduce the attraction to rodents, fruit trees shall be maintained in the following manner:

- Ripe fruit shall be promptly harvested and not allowed to remain on the tree.
- Fallen fruit shall be promptly cleaned up and disposed of in closed containers.
- All tree limbs and foliage shall be maintained at three feet above ground level and provided adequate clearance for maintenance equipment and personnel.

- Rodent guards shall be installed on the lower 24" of the trunk.

If an owner is unable to properly maintain a fruit tree, the Mutual will remove it at no cost to the owner.