

Sawgrass Association, Inc.
Architectural Review Committee
Tree Canopy Preservation & Renewal Application (TCPRA) & Tree Removal Application

Please attach a property survey showing the location of the trees and current photos to your application.
 Mark trees with yellow caution tape prior to the application so they can be identified upon pre-removal inspection.

Applicant's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Property Address: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Type & size of tree(s)/palm(s) to be removed: _____

Sub Association: _____ **Approved** **Not Approved** **Date:** _____

Print Name & Title: _____ **Signature:** _____

Comments: _____

Applicable review fee and construction deposit are required to be submitted as 2 separate checks,
 both made payable to Sawgrass Association, Inc.

# of Trees/Palms	Review Fee	Refundable Construction Deposit
1-4, live	\$50.00	\$250.00
5-8, live	\$100.00	\$250.00
9+, live	\$150.00	\$250.00
Dead	N/A	\$250.00

1. The ARC's purpose is to protect and enhance property owners' investment in the Community by maintaining the tasteful and aesthetically pleasing architectural design of the community in harmony with surrounding structures and the environment.
2. The Covenants and Restrictions and/or Rules and Regulations of the Sawgrass Association generally prohibit the removal of any tree measuring four (4) inches or more in diameter at a point four and one-half (4.5') feet above ground level without permission of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).
3. Removal of any tree without obtaining approval from the ARC is subject to replacement at the owner's expense and a possible fine. **Mitigation or payment to the Tree Fund will be required.**
4. The property owner must ensure all stumps are ground down and debris is removed 1 foot below ground level.
5. The tree removal and mitigation must commence within 6 months of approval.
6. The procedure for tree removal is as follows:
 - a. The property owner submits this application to the ARC Coordinator and ensures the trees in reference are marked with yellow tape.

- b. The ARC Coordinator inspects tree(s)/palm(s) within two (2) business days of application receipt to determine if an arborist is needed or not.
- c. If an arborist is needed, the ARC Coordinator will direct the in-house arborist to review the tree removal request within two (2) business days. The results of this inspection will be noted by the property management company on the application and the property owner will be notified accordingly.
- d. If the tree or palm is dead, located within 10' of a home, or listed as a non-native/invasive tree, it may be removed once the request is stamped as noted in c. above. *Other applications that do not meet these criteria must go to ARC for approval.*
- e. If the tree/palm is an imminent threat or hazardous to personal safety or property, the resident may proceed with the removal if the ARC Coordinator is notified beforehand and an application is submitted with proper documentation afterward for retroactive approval.

Mitigation Required

1. High Canopy Trees and Palms (Dead or Alive)-must be re planted with a 1:1 replacement specimen.
2. Replacement trees must be from the High Canopy Sawgrass Recommended Tree list and be at least 65 gallons in size.
3. Stumps must be ground down 1' below grade level and all debris removed.
4. Trees should only be planted on Property Owner's land.
5. The soil from the removed tree area should be remediated before planting a new tree in the same place.
6. Palms can be replaced with Palms or Accent Trees from the Sawgrass Recommended Tree List found on the Sawgrass website.

Mitigation Not Required

1. Removal of nonnative or invasive species found on the Recommended Tree & Plant List.
2. Removal when required by owner's insurance company **with** documentation.
3. Fallen or damaged trees that pose a significant and immediate danger to property or personal safety.

Tree Fund

1. In lieu of replanting a tree/palm, the homeowner may forfeit their deposit or pay \$250.00 to the Tree Fund, managed by the Landscape Committee, to support its ongoing canopy restoration efforts. If there are multiple trees to be mitigated, the deposit can be applied to one tree. Payment must be submitted for each of the remaining trees. Tree Fund payments must be paid within 90 days.

“Tree Removal Considerations: Think Before you Cut.”
Sawgrass Association, March 2022

The objective of these guidelines is to implement criteria that will provide an overall framework for use by the Master Association, ARC, and the Sub-associations when considering requests for tree removal and are not intended to be specific in nature.

1. Consider the purpose of the tree removal. The objective of the Association is to preserve as many trees as possible. Trees that are prevalent throughout the community, such as tall Pines and Cabbage Palms should not be arbitrarily removed.
2. Consider the overall effect the tree removal will have on the subject and surrounding properties.
3. Consider the location of the tree(s) to be removed relative to structures. Give a favorable decision when trees are too close to the house (10 feet), driveway, screen, or pool deck, which could damage the structure.
4. Consider the location of the tree(s) to be removed relative to other trees. In clusters of trees, favorable consideration may be given to the removal of smaller trees growing beneath larger trees or larger (too large) trees growing over smaller ones to allow the smaller trees to further develop.
5. Removal of trees that interfere with a proposed project, i.e., an addition, swimming pool, driveway, etc., should be approved; however, tree replacement must be given full weight. Favorable consideration may be given to the removal of trees as part of a landscape renewal or renovation project that will improve the overall appearance of the property.
6. When deciding to remove a tree a major consideration should be that the removed tree will be replaced by the applicant.
7. Dead, or seriously damaged or diseased trees, should be removed as soon as possible. If in doubt, the property owner should contact the ARC coordinator and request an immediate inspection and recommendation from the in-house arborist.
8. Tree/palm should not be planted in previous location. New sites and fresh soil will facilitate tree growth.