

WATER'S EDGE HOA TREE REMOVAL POLICIES

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The Water's Edge Homeowners Architectural Review Board (ARB) is empowered to make tree removal decisions in our community.

The ARB and Marsh Landing Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will make every effort to maintain and improve the aesthetics of the community by conserving as many trees as possible. Trees that are prevalent throughout the community such as tall pines and cabbage palms should not be arbitrarily removed because the owner does not like that particular species of tree or for other hypothetical reasons. The Boards will consider the overall effect of any tree removal on the property upon which it is located; additionally, the effects on surrounding properties, including the TPC golf course and other Players Club common areas and communities, will be considered.

As indicated in the Sawgrass Players Club Association Property Owner and Resident Guide: Any tree removal in Water's Edge must begin with notification and application to Marsh Landing Management Company prior to Water's Edge ARB consideration and ruling. Owner noncompliance will be subject to fines.

Policies are as follows:

- A tree more than four inches (4") in diameter, measured one foot from its base must have the approval of the local ARB/ACC before removal. (Note – the ACC rules when in sightline of the golf course or other communities)
- Consideration is given to how tree removal will change the property and/or affect the surrounding properties
- Consideration may be given when trees are too close to the house, driveway or pool deck and could damage the foundation
- In clusters of trees, consideration may be given to the removal of smaller trees growing beneath larger trees
- Tree removal should be approved for projects such as an addition, swimming pool, driveway, etc. However, other policies listed herein may apply.
- When warranted, full consideration should be given to replacing removed trees: this is a priority when considering canopy oak trees and other large trees
- Hazardous, dead, seriously damaged or diseased trees should be removed. If in doubt, enlist the assistance of Marsh Landing Management Company. Do not rely solely on the recommendations of commercial tree service representatives.
- If a dead, damaged or diseased tree represents an immediate hazard to safety or life, Water's Edge ARB representatives are authorized to approve removal of the tree(s). Marsh Landing Management should be notified as soon as possible with the ARB's approval to remove.
- **If a "flagship" water oak tree is removed from the front and/or side yard, it needs to be replaced by either a live oak, magnolia, or elm tree that is a minimum of 2 inches in diameter, 30-gallons, and a minimum of 8 ft tall.**
- **All tree stumps must be ground out**