

REMOVAL OF YARD TREES

Shade trees planted in the yard that have become a nuisance (i.e. cause excessive shading, cause foundation damage, are in poor health, are dead, are hazardous, are negatively impacting adjacent trees, are negatively impacting community appearance, etc.) or are apparent to become a nuisance in the future may be considered for removal. FCCA must grant written approval for removal of shade trees. The above requirement of two yard trees is applicable; therefore, after removal of shade trees, two ornamental trees must be either in the yard or incorporated into the landscape beds as stated above.

FCCA strongly recommends that homeowners utilize a qualified arborist with adequate insurance to remove large trees. Stumps must be ground to at least six (6) inches below grade. Removed trees should be disposed of off site within one week. Portions of the removed tree not disposed of within 48 hours must be out of public view. Landscape site should be re-sod and restored to meet FCCA requirements within one week.

TREE MAINTENANCE

The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the health of their street and yard trees. This includes proper pruning (for street trees, prune to a minimum of 8 foot clearance unless city requirements are more stringent, then must meet those requirements); removing suckers (sprouts that grow along the trunk), removing deadwood, watering, staking fallen or crooked trees, and performing any other procedure to ensure the tree remains healthy and viable including removing the metal tree stakes from the yard and street trees after approximately one year to ensure that the tree roots will not be damaged when the stakes are removed.

The homeowner is responsible for replacing dead or missing trees, including street trees. If trees are not growing properly and there is no upper (crown) growth, topping the trees off (cutting the crown back to the main trunk) is not an appropriate action. If the top portion of the tree is dead, the tree must be replaced.

Newly planted trees should be watered as needed during the first and second growing seasons after planting. Watering thoroughly is better than a light daily watering. During the summer months, water trees once per week; in the spring and fall, water once every two weeks. In the winter, water once a month.

APPROVED TREE LIST

The following plants are recommended and have been selected due to their hardiness in our area. Most of these plants also have low water requirements once established. Plant species not specified on this approved plant palette may be considered on an individual basis.

Shade Trees: Live Oak, Red Oak (only the Shumardi and Texas varieties), Bur Oak, Nuttall Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Eastern Red Cedar, Elms, Chinese Pistache, Baldcypress, Montezuma Cypress, Southern Magnolia, Drummond Red Maple, Mexican Sycamore, Mexican White Oak, Pecan, Eldarica Pine, Palms, Sweetgum, Golden Raintree, Ginkgo

Ornamental Trees: Crapemyrtle, Wax Myrtle, Hollies, Little Gem Magnolia, Ornamental Pear, Mexican Plum, Texas Mountain Laurel, Vitex, Oleander, Austrian Pine, Palms, Ligustrum, Japanese Maple, Redbud, Loquat, Rose of Sharon, Saucer Magnolias, Cherry Laurel, Pineapple Guava, Bottlebrush

For information on foundation plantings, shrubs and other landscape requirements, please see the "Landscape Guidelines"

The FCCA Executive Director approved these guidelines on the 10th of December, 2004 based on authority by the Board of Directors. Changes to these guidelines may be made at any time without prior notice.


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