



Alachua County
Department of Growth Management
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For questions please contact
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TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION (Fee: \$90.00)

Who requires a tree removal permit?

The Alachua County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) regulations state which trees are regulated by the County and who requires a permit. The ULDC code sections from which the information below is abridged is referenced. The County only regulates (requires permits) for trees that are within the unincorporated area of the County (outside of city limits). The County does not have jurisdiction within any city within the County and these cities may or may not have their own tree removal permitting process. If the tree is located within a city, please contact that city for their requirements.

Do I require a permit to prune a tree?

Trees can be pruned without a permit, however, it is prohibited to excessively prune trees that results in an unnecessary reduction of shade [407.47(d)].

How much is a permit?

The fee for the permit is \$90.00 with checks made payable to Alachua County.

Can I remove multiple trees with one permit?

The fee is not charged on a "per tree" basis as multiple trees can be on the same permit.

When and where are permits required?

For residential properties greater than 2 acres in size or on commercial, institutional (Church etc.) industrial, multifamily (apartments) or Homeowner's association common areas, the threshold for trees requiring a permit are as follows:

- All trees over 8" in diameter (~25" circumference) measured at 4.5' above ground level.
- A permit would also be required for any tree approved as part of a development plan. The tree permit should be included with the initial application for development plan approval [406.12].

For residential properties that are 2 acres or less in size only the following types of trees require a permit:

- Trees over 20" diameter (~63" circumference) measured at 4.5' above ground level
- Nonnative trees, laurel oaks and water oaks over 30" in diameter (~94.25" circumference) measured at 4.5' above ground level

Do I have to replant trees?

Mitigation for trees removed will determined on a tree by tree basis depending on size and quality of the tree removed. The County Forester/Landscaping Inspector will make this determination after completion of a site inspection [406.13(b)].

How long before I will receive the permit?

Tree removal permits are usually administered within 5 business days from date of the County receiving a complete application.

If this has not answered all your questions send an e-mail to treepermit@alachuacounty.us and a member of Development Review Staff can assist you.

Please see below for the Alachua County tree removal permit application.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant or Agency: _____
 Applicant Email _____ (for permit return purposes)
 Contact Person: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Property Owner (if different from above) _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____
 Owner Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION WHERE TREES ARE TO BE REMOVED

Address of Trees Removal (if different from above) _____
 Tax Parcel #: _____ - _____ - _____ Subdivision (if applicable): _____

TYPE OF TREE REMOVAL CATEGORY:

- Development plan approval
- Commercial or multifamily residential
- Single family residential under 2 acres
- R/W or utility easement
- Single family residential over 2 acres
- Other _____

Type of tree	Number of trees to be removed	Diameter @ 4.5' above ground (in inches)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Reason for Tree Removal:

Reviewed by County Forester/Landscaping Inspector: Yes No

TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION OF TREES TO BE REMOVED:

- Ribbon/tape
- Paint
- Tree survey
- Other _____

