



Alachua County, Board of County Commissioners  
Department of Growth Management  
10 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601  
<https://growth-management.alachuacounty.us>

Submit Application to: **Building Division**  
Tel. 352.374.5243  
Fax. 352.491.4510

Forester/Landscaping Inspector  
E-mail: [skabat@alachuacounty.us](mailto:skabat@alachuacounty.us)  
Tel. (352) 374-5243 ext. 3503

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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?**

On residential properties 2 acres or less, all trees over 20" diameter (~63" circumference) measured at 4.5' above ground would require a tree removal permit from the County. Nonnative trees, laurel oaks or water oaks only require a permit at 30" diameter (~94.25" circumference) or larger [ULDC 406.11(a) + Tree, heritage in 410 definitions].

On residential properties more than 2 acres or on commercial, institutional (Church etc.) industrial, multifamily (apartments) or Homeowner's association common areas, all trees over 8" diameter (~25" circumference) measured at 4.5' above ground would require a tree removal permit from the County [406.10 (a) and (b)]. A permit would also be required for any tree approved as part of a previously approved development plan [407.47 (a)-(d)].

### **Do I have to replant trees?**

Mitigation for trees removed is determined on a tree by tree basis depending on size and quality of tree removed [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.

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

If this has not answered all your questions. Please call (352) 374-5243, ext. 3503 or e-mail [skabat@alachuacounty.us](mailto:skabat@alachuacounty.us) the Forester/Landscaping Inspector if you have any additional questions.



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**GENERAL INFORMATION ( BY APPLICANT )**

Applicant or Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

**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
- Agricultural land within 50' buffer
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

