



City of Winter Springs Arbor Division Tree Removal and Replacement Planting Facts Sheet

Residential Tree Removals

Chapter 5, Sec. 5-6, of the City’s Arbor Ordinance requires that a permit application be submitted to the City and a fee paid for each tree removal of 4” dbh or larger, unless the tree is dead, diseased, or poses a clear and obvious safety hazard to structures or people.

In addition, Chapter 5, Sec. 5-9, of the City’s Arbor Ordinance requires that all trees which are removed or destroyed and are subject to replacement, be replaced by a species cited in Appendix B, desirable trees, or such trees approved by the City Forester.

***DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) refers to the diameter of a tree measured 4.5’ above ground level.*

Replacement Tree Credits

<u>DBH of Tree (removal)</u>	=	<u>Tree Credit Value (replacement)</u>	or	<u>Tree Bank Contribution</u>
4” up to but not including 9”	=	1 Credit	or	\$250
9” up to but not including 12”	=	2 Credits	or	\$500
12” up to but not including 16”	=	3 Credits	or	\$750
16” up to but not including 24”	=	4 Credits	or	\$1,000
24” and above	=	To Be Preserved		

Examples - Desirable Replacement Trees (Please see Appendix ‘B’ for a complete list of desirable trees)

- **Any 15 gal. tree listed in Appendix ‘B’ is good for 1 Tree Credit**
- Live Oak 30 gal. 10’ min. height Preferred Plant 2 Credits for 1 Tree
- Red Maple 30 gal. 10’ min. height Preferred Plant 2 Credits for 1 Tree
- Long Leaf Pine 30 gal. 9’ min. height Preferred Plant 3 Credits for 1 Tree
- Winged Elm 30 gal. 10’ min. height Preferred Plant 3 Credits for 1 Tree
- Magnolia 30 gal. 8’ min. height Preferred Plant 3 Credits for 1 Tree

***15 and 30 gal. denotations refer to standard plant nursery/retailer size specifications.*

Replanting Options

- Plant replacements somewhere onto your private property.
- Plant replacements on an approved donor site.
- Pay a tree replacement fee to the City’s Tree Bank in lieu of replacement plantings.

***See Chapter 5, Sec. 5-9, of the City’s Arbor Ordinance for detailed information about tree replanting guidelines.*

Fee Schedule

Residential Single-Family Lot	\$25 for the first tree, \$10 for each tree thereafter.
Multi-Family / HOA Owned Property	\$100 for the first tree, \$10 for each tree thereafter.
Commercial Property up to 25 Acres	\$200 for the first tree, \$10 for each tree thereafter.
Commercial Property – Additional Acres (above 25)	\$200 for each increment of 25 Acres.
Removal of Dead or Diseased Trees	No Fee
Re-inspections	Duplication of Fee

An electronic copy of the City’s Arbor Ordinance can be found on the web at:
<http://www.winterspringsfl.org/EN/web/find/codes/DocsFormsPubs/43915/trees.htm>

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