

Do I need to fill out the Mitigation Form?

Yes, the applicant is required to fill out the mitigation form as part of the Tree Removal Permit. Instructions are provided on the permit, and a video is available on our website. You may be able to reduce or eliminate mitigation fees by either leaving or planting trees from the City's master tree list.

Is a tree survey required?

For all proposed activities on undeveloped lots that involve trees eligible for mitigation and/or conservation, a tree location survey is mandatory. However, for developed lots proposing tree removal, a survey is not required unless the tree(s) set for removal are within a Canopy Road Zone (CRZ).

For more information, please visit NorthPortFL.gov/Trees.

Questions? We're here to help!

As the City of North Port continues to grow, the Natural Resources Division aims to enhance the quality of life for its current and future residents. In February 2022, in collaboration with the community and stakeholders, the City adopted new tree regulations. The updated regulations incentivize tree canopy preservation while providing flexibility for private owners.

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Tree Ordinance Guidelines

Ordinance 2021-46



Natural Resources Division

Tree Removal Permit requirements

A permit is required to remove, relocate, or cause irreparable injury to a tree, or to initiate development when a tree exists on the property.

Exemption conditions

You may qualify for an exemption if it has been one year since a certificate of occupancy has been issued for your home **and** you meet the following conditions:

- The lot is five acres or smaller.
- If the lot is larger than five acres, the tree(s) must be located within 150 feet of the house.
- You are not in a conservation or preservation area.
- The trees did not receive conservation credit pursuant to a prior tree removal permit.
- The trees are not part of an approved landscape plan.
- Your house will not be demolished or reconstructed.
- The tree(s) are not heritage tree(s).
- You are not within the Myakka River Protection Zone.
- The tree(s) are not within a Canopy Road Zone (CRZ).

Exotic tree exception

Exotic tree species as defined by the Florida Invasives Species Council (FISC) Category I list of invasive species are exempt. These include Brazilian Pepper, Melaleuca, Australian Pines, Carrotwood, Chinaberry, Chinese Tallow and others.





Other exceptions

Trees on residential properties may be exempt if they are determined to pose a danger to people or property. This determination must be made by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect. This exemption does not apply to the exercise of authority specifically delegated for mangrove protection under Florida Statute.

Exceptions may also be made under certain conditions of a declared emergency or for agricultural activities.

Before removing any tree, it is strongly recommended to either obtain a permit or consult with a city arborist to determine if your tree(s) qualify for an exception.

What are the **BENEFITS** of trees?

 <p>Create shade and privacy</p>	 <p>Conserve energy (heating and cooling)</p>
<p>Absorb sound and filter airborne pollutants</p> 	
<p>Help control erosion and stormwater runoff</p> 	
 <p>Connect us to nature and create a sense of calm and well-being</p>	 <p>Help mitigate climate control</p>
	 <p>Provide habitat for birds and wildlife</p>