

Hazard Trees

The following information is from the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article V, Section 14-412.

What is the Criteria for Granting a Vegetation/Tree Removal Permit for a Hazard Tree?

The administrator shall approve a permit for issuance for the removal of any protected tree if the administrator finds one or more of the following conditions is present:

1. Trees which pose a safety hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic or threaten to cause disruption to public utility services.
2. Trees which pose a safety hazard to existing buildings or structures.
3. Trees which prevent reasonable access to a lot or parcel so long as the proposed access point complies with all other county regulations.
4. Diseased trees which are a hazard to people, buildings or other improvements on a lot or parcel or to other trees.
5. Trees so weakened by age, storm, fire or other injury as to, in the opinion of the administrator, jeopardize the life and limb of persons or cause a hazard to property.
6. Trees which prevent the lawful development of a lot or parcel or the physical use thereof.
7. The administrator may require that a tree protected by this article be relocated on the same lot or parcel in lieu of removal.



FOR STAFF USE ONLY
Case #: _____

VEGETATION REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
1500 Monroe Street
PO Box 398
Fort Myers, FL 33902-0398
(239)533-8389 / FAX (239)485-8344

Date: _____
 Owner: _____
 Owner Mailing Address: _____
 Owner Phone #: _____
 Applicant: _____
 Applicant Address/Phone: _____
 Contractor Name: _____
 Address/Phone #: _____
 STRAP #(s): _____
 Development Order #: _____
 Name of Development: _____

Zoning: _____ Property Acreage: _____ Acreage to Clear: _____

Address & directions of property for which permit is being requested

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

TO: LEE COUNTY DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

RE: STRAP NUMBER(S):

As the owner of the parcel of land indicated by the STRAP number(s) above, I hereby authorize

to file my application for a Vegetation Removal Permit for the property located at

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,
20____, by _____ who is personally known to me or who produced
_____ as identification and who did not take an oath.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

Notary Public

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VEGETATION REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION
(continued)**

Provide the following information **UNLESS** this application is being submitted in conjunction with an approved development order:

1. An overall site plan of the property showing the existing trees including tree species to be removed, the building footprints (if applicable), and all paved areas.
2. An aerial photograph of the property with the boundaries cleared marked.

**THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO ALL
VEGETATION REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

INSPECTIONS: It is understood that submission of this application grants the director or the designee the right to conduct an on-site inspection to determine that any removal, pruning or other such activities conform to applicable Lee County ordinances.

If proposed development requires preservation of vegetation and/or protected species, then barricades must be installed and inspected prior to permit issuance.

If clearing is necessary to install barricades; then a site inspection & minor clearing permit will be required prior to installation.

The site inspection, once requested, will be conducted within seven (7) to ten (10) working days. Tree protection barricades must be in place at the time of inspection.

In the event that the tree protection barricades are not in compliance and a subsequent site inspection is necessary, a reinspection fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) may be assessed to the permit fee.

Refer to the Lee County Land Development Code (LDC) Chapter 14, Article V, as amended, Section 14-383, for barricade requirements. A copy of this ordinance may be obtained from Lee Cares at (239) 533-2737.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY, THEN YOU MUST SUBMIT A RECORDED WARRANTY DEED; AND/OR

IF PROPERTY IS GREATER THAN ONE (1) ACRES, THEN YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)