

Policy for Removal of Wood & Guidelines for Common Grounds

The following policy for the removal of wood from the common area has been approved by the Board of Directors for the benefit of members of the Association. Our primary concern is to preserve the natural beauty of these areas while allowing the taking of wood under certain conditions to protect the common land as well as individual property rights.

1. Conditions for the removal of wood

- a. Removal of naturally fallen trees, limbs and branches from the common area may be undertaken by members after receiving approval of the Common Grounds Committee. The Board will be kept informed of this approval.
- b. No standing trees living or dead may be cut down except in the case of hazard and with the approval of the Board. The guidelines regarding the removal of hazardous trees are given in point (2) below. Standing trees include all suspended or partially downed trees.
- c. Members are reminded of the need to respect the property rights of other homeowners when retrieving wood from the common area. The use of chain saws in cutting wood on the common area is restricted to the hours of 10a.m. to 5 p.m.

2. Procedures for Removal of hazardous trees

In the event a homeowner believes a standing tree, live or dead is a hazard to the homeowner's property, the homeowner should contact the Common Grounds Committee. If the Board agrees the tree represents a hazard, the tree may be removed in any of two ways, as mutually agreed by the Board and affected homeowner.

- a. The homeowner signs a waiver releasing the Association from any liability for harm to the homeowners property or person arising from the removal of the tree and:
 - (1) The homeowner cuts down the tree with at least two Representatives of the Board present. The homeowner Retains the wood for their use.
- b. The Board will contract with a licensed, bonded tree company to remove the tree and the wood will be cut up in approx. 4 to 5 foot lengths and left in place or the tree will simply be left in place.

If the Board and affected homeowner should disagree on the Procedure to be followed the Board shall make the final decision.

3. Common Grounds Guidelines

- a. No structure/storage of any kind is allowed on the common grounds.
- b. No homeowner may dispose of yard waste or trash in the common areas.
- c. No clearing of underbrush, small or large trees are allowed in the common area.

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