

What type of tree do you want to cut?

Native trees and plants are important and may require a permit before they can be cut down in Palm Beach County.

Removing trees in unincorporated Palm Beach County during land development is mandated by the county's Unified Land Development Code to ensure a healthy tree canopy in our urban area. The first thing to find out is what type of tree do you want to remove and who you must ask.

The following county agencies are involved in tree permitting based on tree type:

ERM (561) 233-2400

Permits the preservation, removal, relocation, and mitigation of native trees that naturally appeared without human intervention. **If you have a native tree that is naturally occurring, ERM would be the entity to contact.**

LANDSCAPING (561) 233-5200

Permits the design and installation of trees and other landscaping plants required by Zoning based on the project and size of the property.

STREETSCAPE (561) 684-4100

Permits the installation of trees along road right of ways and medians when roads are constructed.

Call before
you cut

Here are some frequently asked questions that ERM answers:

QUESTION: Do I need a permit to cut down a dead pine
(or other native tree) in my yard?

ANSWER: No

QUESTION: Do I need a permit to cut down a cypress tree?

ANSWER: Cypress trees are an indicator species of wetland habitat. You must contact the jurisdictional agency for permission to make any impacts to a wetland.

SFWMD (561) 686-8800

FDEP (561) 681-6600

ACOE (561) 472-3500

NOTE: If you live in a municipality (town, city, village) you must contact that municipality for approval. This information ONLY pertains to unincorporated Palm Beach County.



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