

Timbercreek Homeowners Association
Architectural Review Board

Tree Removal / Replacement Guidelines

Tree Removal

Per the Timbercreek Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions Section VIII, Paragraph 5, no tree with a trunk diameter of 2 inches or larger, measured one foot above the ground may be removed without Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval.

Guidelines to be used to permit tree removal are:

- 1). Tree is dead or diseased.
- 2). Tree must be removed to facilitate construction.
- 3). Tree is causing structural damage or is a physical threat.
 - Any of these may require a licensed engineer's certification.

Requests for removal should include plans for replacement and landscaping.

Stumps of trees removed must be ground to ground level, so no longer visible

Tree Replacement

Replacement will be at the discretion of the ARB, which will take into consideration other existing trees and landscaping on the property.

As a general guideline, trees must be replaced with like trees (i.e. shade tree for shade tree; palm tree for palm tree; etc.). Nuisance variety of trees will not be approved (i.e. Fiscus, Acacia, Beshovia, Australian Pine, Florida Holly etc.).

Trees removed **with** ARB approval:

- Replacement tree must be 12 feet high with a 5 foot spread and a girth of 12 inches, measured a foot above the ground.
- Palm trees must have a 3 foot to 8 foot clear trunk, depending on the species.

Trees **removed without** ARB approval:

- The ARB reserves the right to require a tree of similar species. The minimum tree replacement must be 18 feet tall with a 10 foot spread and girth of 4 inches, measured 2 feet above the ground.

Tree Replacement Timeframe:

Tree replacements should be installed within 45 days of removal of the old trees.

Tree Replacement Suggestions (per community arborist):

If area is large, plant larger canopy shade trees. If area is small, plant smaller canopy. Plan ahead - don't plant a large shade tree next to the house so it has to be cut it in half in a few years.

Larger canopy trees:

1. Live oak
2. Calophyllum (Beauty Leaf)
3. Shady Lady
4. Mahogany – be careful where planted shed a lot.
5. Royal poinciana

Smaller canopy trees:

1. Japanese Blueberry
2. Japanese Fern
3. Dahoon Holly
4. Hong Kong Orchid
5. Noronia
6. Bulnesia