

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS III

WHAT IS THE TREE TRIMMING POLICY IN SAVANNAH?

PALM TREES

Palm trees such as pygmy dates under fifteen (15) feet are routinely trimmed throughout the year by our landscape contractor.

All palm trees over fifteen (15) feet on homeowners' and common area property are "9 to 3" trimmed annually typically in November or December. The Association representatives and the landscape contractor evaluate our palm heights. Once a count is established, the Board directs our Property Manager to contact three (3) companies who are licensed, insured/bonded and have an arborist on staff to submit a bid. The bids are reviewed by the Board and placed to a vote.

These costs are included in our Savannah Dues.

OAK TREES

Oak trees are "structurally pruned" every three (3) to five (5) years typically in April. In order to keep our dues from large fluctuation, one-half are done one year followed by the other half the next year. Association representatives use the prior pruning information as a format. An evaluation and count are made. Once the count is established, the Board directs our Property Manager to contact three (3) companies who are licensed, insured/bonded and have an arborist on staff to submit a bid. The bids are reviewed by the Board and placed to a vote.

Subsequent years, before the next major prune, straggler and water sprout branches are trimmed. We usually don't see these until year 3 or 4.

These costs are included in our Savannah Dues.

PRESERVE TREES

Any tree(s) that is/are located in the Preserve, may be verticut at the boundary of your property. First, you must submit an ARC Request providing the name of a licensed, bonded/insured, arborist who will assure that any trim/prune provided will not threaten the health of the tree(s) in writing.

The cost will be the homeowner's responsibility.

ARE FRUIT TREES ALLOWED IN SAVANNAH?

While fruit trees are allowed in Savannah "with ARC approval"; they are highly discouraged due to the rats, flies and smells of rotting fruit when not maintained. Homeowners who have fruit trees are completely responsible for every and anything regarding their maintenance not limited to:

- ✓ Trimming.
- ✓ Fertilization.
- ✓ Picking up any fallen fruit.
- ✓ Cost of any damage caused to turf or plants around or under the trees.
- ✓ Costs of any violations for not following the above directives.

The Association has no responsibility regarding the care or maintenance of fruit trees. Fruit trees that are found planted without permission will be required to be removed.

MAY I REMOVE A TREE OR TREES FROM MY PROPERTY?

Yes, but there are caveats.

In the Appendix of the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual also known as TROM, Savannah falls under the Lot Type of Club. We are required to have three (3) hardwood trees. One hardwood tree is equivalent to 3 palms. Therefore, any combination meets the requirement.

The Association is not responsible for removing healthy trees with Association money. Therefore, the cost of removal, stump grinding to ground level, restoration of the area with sod or plant beds and tree replacement (if necessary) is the homeowner's responsibility.

The homeowner must submit a completed ARC Request Form with all details specified. No work may commence until the homeowner receives a written approval from the Turtle Rock Property Manager under the direction of the Turtle Rock ARC Committee.

The Association will remove any dead trees on homeowner's or common area paid through our Savannah Dues. Replacement is at the discretion of the Savannah LMOC.

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