



PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
TREE WORK APPROVAL FORM – PRUNING & REMOVAL

(All Trees Over 4" Diameter Regardless of Condition)

IT IS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ACC APPROVAL BEFORE STARTING ANY WORK.
PLEASE PROVIDE 15 DAYS NOTICE FOR ACC REVIEW APPROVAL PRIOR TO STARTING PROJECT.

Property Owner _____ Contractor _____
Address _____ Contractor Contact Person _____
Lot # _____
Phone # _____ Contractor Phone # _____

TREE WORK

Number of trees to be pruned (* marked with single band of bright-color tape *) _____

Reason for request _____

Number of trees to be removed (** marked with two bands of bright-color tape **) _____

Reason for request _____

- ALL TREES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH BRIGHTLY COLORED TAPE FOR IDENTIFICATION PRIOR TO ACC VISIT AS NOTED ABOVE --
- NO WORK ON TREES GREATER THAN 4" DIAMETER WITHOUT PRIOR ACC APPROVAL: INFRACTIONS WILL RESULT IN A FINE --
- PROPERTY LINES MUST BE MARKED, TREE CUTTING FOR A VIEW MAY REQUIRE ACCESS TO REAR DECK FOR VISUAL PURPOSES
- CLEAR CUTTING OR TOPPING OF TREES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED FOR THE HEALTH OF THE TREE: INFRACTIONS WILL RESULT IN A FINE --
- ALL TREE CONTRACTORS MUST HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE --

Estimate start date _____ Estimated completion date (30 Days Maximum) _____

Work hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. There will be no work or deliveries after hours or on Sundays or holidays.

I HAVE READ AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE TREE AND SHRUB CUTTING RULES AND PROVISIONS, ANY SPECIAL CONDITIONS NOTED ON APPROVAL FORM, AS WELL AS RELEVANT RESTRICTIONS IN THE WMPOA CCR'S AND THE WMPOA RULES AND REGULATIONS. I AM AWARE THAT I WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED TO WALNUT MOUNTAIN PROPERTY.

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

ACC REVIEWER: _____ DATE: _____

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PLEASE CALL ACC UPON COMPLETION AT 706-635-2565

TREE AND SHRUB CUTTING RULES AND PROVISIONS

Overview & Purpose: Walnut Mountain (WM) is an architecturally controlled community, established to protect and preserve the beauty and integrity of the environmental and property values of the WM community. This is achieved by establishing architectural standards for consistent development and maintaining aesthetic harmony and compatibility among the homes on the mountain. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is a standing committee provided for in the WM CCR's and Bylaws and is charged with assisting in establishing and maintaining architectural standards for Walnut Mountain (WM). **The ACC is given the authority to enforce rules and use other means to ensure compliance with these standards.**

Procedure: A Tree Trimming & Removal Form must be submitted by the property owner prior to any tree work being done. The most current form is available at the Administrative Office or from the web site at www.walnutmtnga.com. All trees or shrubs to be altered must be identified with brightly colored tape in such a manner as to be easily identified by the ACC. This can be accomplished by wrapping tape around the tree. Use ONE circle around the tree for pruning and TWO circles for removal. Contractors will mark trees for homeowners when asked to do so. If applying tape is impractical, a photo of the trees to be altered may be submitted. Trees to be altered must be clearly marked in the photo. Additionally, the property boundaries must be clearly marked. A survey may be required, at the owner's expense, to determine the property boundaries. Property owners must not disturb, cut, or trim any trees, or vegetation of any kind, on the common property on WM without prior Board approval. Common property is defined as any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now, or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the property owners.

The ACC will review the request and complete a site inspection, noting the trees and shrubs to be altered. The ACC requests the homeowner to be present during the inspection if possible. Upon completing this review, the ACC will submit its approval or denial to the homeowner via U.S. mail. A copy of all approved requests will be given to the Welcome Center staff. Tree service personnel will not be allowed to enter WM without an approved tree trimming and removal form on file at the Welcome Center.

It is the property owners' responsibility to direct and manage the tree trimming service. The tree trimming service is only allowed to trim, cut, or remove trees in accordance with the approved request. The property owner will be subject to fines for tree for cutting, trimming, or removing any trees or shrubs that have not been approved by the ACC.

Upon completion of the tree work, the property owner must notify the ACC that the work has been completed. Upon receiving such notice, the ACC will conduct a final review of the property to ensure compliance with the ACC approval.

Native Appalachian flowering trees and shrubs are identified as dogwoods, native azaleas, mountain laurel and rhododendron. These are common on the mountain and, as much as possible, WMPOA will try to preserve them.

A. Tree trimming and removal that is permissible after verification by the ACC:

1. Any tree having a diameter of 4 inches or less (12.5 inches or less circumference) as measured 4 feet above the ground.
2. Any tree limb having a diameter of 3 inches or less as measured where the limb joins the tree trunk.
3. Any single diseased, dying, or dead tree. ACC must be notified prior to removal and the homeowner is responsible for providing pictures and/or other proof of disease/death upon request.
4. Any tree limb that covers the home footprint or threatens the home, driveway, or parking area. ACC must be notified prior to removal and the homeowner is responsible for providing pictures and/or other proof upon request.
5. Removal of fallen or broken trees immediately following a storm. ACC must be notified prior to removal if possible but no later than 2 days. Homeowner is responsible for providing pictures and/or proof upon request.

B. Tree trimming and removal for a view: Trimming, cutting, or removing trees for a view is permitted within WM after obtaining approval from the ACC. The approved method for opening up a view is to create a "window" within the forest. The ACC will review each request for pruning or removal on an individual basis, and will determine the best, and most reasonable, plan for creating or maintaining a view without being detrimental to our forest. The ACC will use the following guidelines when making a determination:

1. In general, long range views will be limited to a maximum of 70° from the center of the desired view.
2. No trees or shrubs will be approved for trimming or removal within the 5' setback on either side of the lot without neighbor's approval.
3. Impact on our forest.
4. Impact of the view from a distance.
5. Impact of the view on neighboring properties.
6. Any maintenance of an existing view that was obtained with ACC approval.

C. Tree trimming and removal that will not be approved or verified by the ACC:

1. Clear cutting on any lot.
2. Topping of trees.
3. Trees on Walnut Mountains Common Area or Greenbelt