

**Natural Areas**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the natural appearance of our Common Area remains as natural as possible.

- No living tree is to be removed by a unit owner or resident. However, broken limbs and branches lying on the ground may be removed by an owner or resident. In such case, the individual removing the debris is responsible for its disposal. If any question exists, it is recommended the Landscape Committee be contacted. This can be accomplished by contacting the Chair of the Committee by using the Board-approved Request Form.
- Living trees may only be removed as a result of Board action or that of the Landscape Committee as agent for the Board; then for only the following reasons: 1) A tree is dying or diseased; 2) A tree is near enough to a building to cause damage to its roof, guttering, siding, basement walls, or foundation; 3) A tree is leaning toward a building, and there is danger it will fall, or otherwise result in damage to the building as may be caused by wind or ice.
- No mowing of the native grasses in the wooded areas by an owner or resident is permitted.
- Any planting of additional trees or shrubs in these areas must be approved per existing regulations and procedures.
- Maintenance of such areas, in any form, is not part of the Association's contracted agreement with the Landscape Contractor.

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