

TREES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Where can I find the approved list of shrubs and trees?

A. While we do not have an approved list of shrubs and trees, a list of recommended shrubs and trees is available in Appendix D of the Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines are available online on the Governing Documents page of www.SunCityHiltonHead.org.

Q. Can you replace the front tree with any type of tree or palm?

A. If the front tree is a street tree, it can only be replaced with one of the trees listed in section 10.2.17 of the Design Guidelines. Typically, street trees are in the middle of the front yard. They are planted at least 5 feet off the side of the property line and 5 feet behind the curb opposite the garage side of the lot.

Approved Street Trees Species

Aeryn® Trident Maple • Nuttall Oak • Bald Cypress • Orange Crush • American Hornbeam
Black Gum • Princeton American Elm • Bosque Elm • Shumard Oak • Chinese Elm
Southern Magnolia • Chinese Pistache • Sun Breaker • Swamp White Oak • Ever Clear Elm
Trident Maple • Laurel Oak • Willow Oak • Live Oak • Green Ash • White Ash • American
Beech • Tulip Polar • Chestnut Oak • Pin Oak • Red Oak • White Oak • Red Maple • Sugar
Maple

Q. Can we cut down an existing tree and is approval needed to do so?

A. You must receive approval to cut down an existing tree.

Q. How do we dispose of cut branches? Can they be cut smaller and placed in the Waste Management containers?

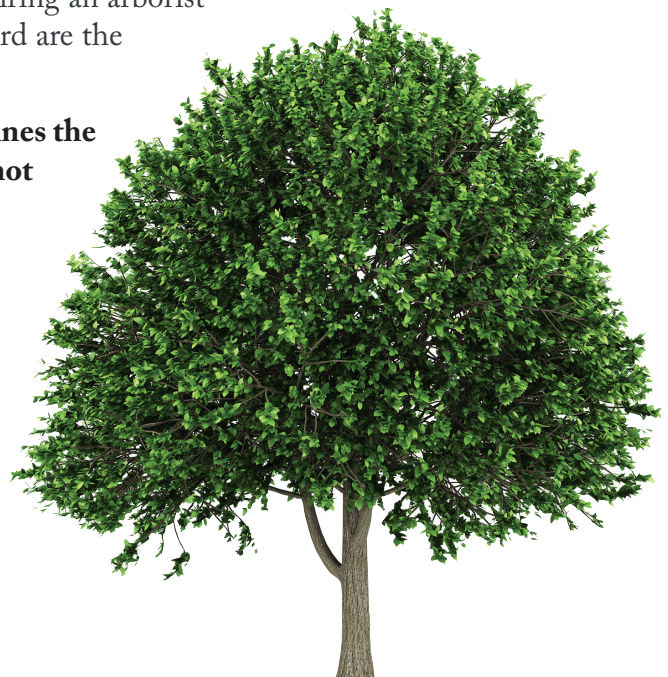
A. Tree branches may be disposed of at the Sun City Mulching Center. The Mulching Center is located at 851 Red Dam Road and is open daily from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. A CAM card is required for access. Landscapers are not allowed to use the Mulching Center.

Q. I have rather tall trees in my backyard. I would like to know how to trim them and do I need an application to do this?

A. If the trees are tall, you may want to consider hiring an arborist to prune the trees safely. However, trees in your yard are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain.

Q. Are the tree removal and replacement guidelines the same for the Managed Neighborhoods that are not located in Argent II?

A. The removal of any tree requires a modification application. If approved and you live in Beaufort County, then you do not need to replace it with another tree unless it is a street tree.



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Q. I have a crepe myrtle sapling growing wild in my landscape bed. Can I transplant it to another location in the flower bed without submitting an application?

A. If you want to transplant it to another location within the existing flower bed, you do not need an application. However, if you're going to transplant it to another area of the yard, or a different flower bed, you will need to apply.

Q. Do trees that are hit by lightning usually live? Does the Association provide an arborist to look at trees that have been hit to determine if they should be removed?

A. The Community Association does not provide an arborist to assess your trees or determine if they need to be removed. We do not recommend any particular arborists, but you can search for a local arborist by inquiring at a local nursery, asking your neighbors or using the tool provided at www.treesaregood.com.

Q. I noticed tree roots coming up in my driveway. Before I redo my driveway, I will need to remove a tree. Does that all go onto one application?

A. Please submit separate applications, one for the tree removal and one for the driveway.

Q. If I have a dead tree on my property, can I cut it down and not replace it with another tree?

A. The removal of any tree requires an application. If approved and you live in:

- Beaufort County, you do not need to replace it with another tree unless it is a street tree.
- Hardeeville, you do need to replace it with a like tree.

Q. Does the Association trim the canopy of the trees along the streets? If so, when?

A. Common area and street tree trimming is done on an as-needed basis.

Q. Can you recommend a tree with shallow roots that will not kill the grass?

A. Please consider asking a local nursery about the types of trees that have shallow roots.

Q. Can a large tree be replaced with a small tree (per Sun City list) in Argent II?

A. A Modifications Coordinator will need to look at your plot plan to determine placement. Please call (843) 705-4000 or email modifications@schhca.com to make an appointment.

Q. If the Association removes trees, do they mulch them? Can we get the mulch at no cost?

A. No, typically, the trees removed by the Association are diseased, and we do not share this mulch.

Q. Other than the requirement for 5 feet from all property lines, are there any other limitations on the number of trees that can be planted?

A. In general, there are no limitations on the number of trees that can be planted. A Modifications Coordinator will need to look at your plot plan to determine placement. Tree applications will be evaluated to understand the impact of the number of trees for reasons such as aesthetics, drainage, erosion, etc. Please call (843) 705-4000 or email modifications@schhca.com to make an appointment with a coordinator.

Q. How do you know if a tree in front of a villa is a site tree or a street tree?

A. A Modifications Coordinator will need to look at your plot plan to determine this. Please call (843) 705-4000 or email modifications@schhca.com to speak with a coordinator.

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Q. Can you add bushes or trees in the back of your house for more privacy?

A. Yes, you can add bushes or trees in your backyard. However, you must complete and submit an application.

Q. I would like to replace a street tree because roots are growing into the driveway and water lines. Why must I replace it with another tree in the same location that will result in the same root issues?

A. Not all trees have the same root growth pattern. If you want to replace your street tree in a different location, please complete and submit your application with the supporting data.

Q. There is a dead tree behind my home. Who is responsible for removing it?

A. Please email modifications@schhca.com with more information about the tree location so it can be assessed. If the tree is in your yard, you are responsible for the removal. You must submit an application to do so. If it is a safety hazard, please be sure to indicate that on the application and provide color photographs to support the statement.

Q. Do I need approval to replace a shrub?

A. You do not need approval to replace a shrub as long as you're replacing the shrub with a shrub of the same type.

Q. How much time do I have to replace an existing shrub after removal?

A. All approved work must be completed within 120 days.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

The following items are needed to receive approval to remove or plant a tree:

1. A completed application with details of work to be completed. For example, if removing a tree, will it be replaced? If so, what kind and size? If planting a bush, what kind and how many?
2. Plot plan with the proposed modification clearly labeled.
3. Color photos of entire yard where the tree will be planted or removed.
4. Arborist report, if removing street tree.

Please note, an incomplete application is the number one reason for a delayed response.