



City of Peachtree Corners Tree Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a permit to remove a tree from my property?

Property owners are required to obtain a tree removal permit prior to removing any living trees. Dead trees can be removed without a permit. These permits are free for residential owners, and the applications can be found on the city's [Tree Webpage](#). You will need to provide the size, location, and a picture of any trees you wish to remove. City staff may coordinate a site visit with you. Also check with your homeowner's association, if applicable, to ensure you are complying with your neighborhood covenants regarding tree removal. The city does not enforce private covenants.

Are there areas on my property where trees cannot be removed?

Healthy trees of any size within stream buffers, zoning buffers, tree-save areas, river corridors, etc. may not be removed without permission. Owners should contact the city to determine if trees are in one of these protected areas.

What are specimen trees?

Specimen trees are larger and more mature trees that must be preserved within the city. The specimen tree designation is based on the tree's size, type, condition, location, or historical significance. Hardwoods (oaks, maples, hickories, etc.) that have diameters of 28 inches or greater, and softwoods (pines, cedars, firs, etc.) that are 30 inches or greater are considered specimen size. Some less common flowering trees with a diameter of 12 inches or more are considered specimen size as well. Diameter measurements for existing trees are taken at 4.5 feet above the ground. Other criteria used to determine a specimen tree include a life expectancy of greater than 10 years, no extensive decay or limb damage, and no major insect or pathological problems. There are penalties for removing specimen trees without prior permission.

Do I need a Certified Arborist to assess my trees?

In many cases, a Certified Arborist report is required to justify the removal of trees that are of specimen size. This report should be submitted along with a tree removal or development application and city staff will review and grant the approval or denial. The city cannot provide these reports, so a third-party arborist is required for these assessments. You can find an arborist at www.TreesAreGood.org. Having a certified arborist check out your property is a good idea if you are concerned about hazardous trees or have questions about selecting the right trees to plant. Selective pruning and hazardous and dead tree removal are one of the most proactive efforts you can do to ensure the long-term safety and viability of your property.

Whom should I contact if I see a fallen tree in the road or a hazardous tree in the right of way?

You should contact the City of Peachtree Corners at 678-691-1200 and the city will assess the tree and determine the proper course of action.