



## Tree Removal Information for Homeowners

### **Do I have to obtain a permit to cut down a tree on my property?**

Homeowners are required to obtain a tree removal permit, to remove a tree that is located in a required Zoning Buffer, Conservation Area, Open Space, Chattahoochee River Corridor or designated Tree Save Area; or if the tree is a specimen tree (see below). If the tree is located outside of the previously mentioned areas, the homeowner can remove a tree from their property without a permit; however, property owners are required to keep at least two (2) live trees and any specimen trees.

### **How do I find out if I have a Buffer, Conservation or Open Space, or Tree Save Area on my property?**

The information regarding buffers and other protected areas is typically shown on your subdivision plat. You can contact the City at 678.691.1200 for assistance.

### **How do I find out if I live in the Chattahoochee River Corridor?**

If your lot is within 2,000 linear feet from the Chattahoochee River, the property is located in the River Corridor, for more information regarding the River Corridor please email Seth Yurman at [syurman@peachtreecornersga.gov](mailto:syurman@peachtreecornersga.gov) or call 470-395-7022.

### **What is a specimen tree?**

Any hardwood tree 28 inches or larger in diameter is considered a specimen tree, a hardwood tree loses its leaves in the winter. A tree that is green all year, such as a pine tree, is considered a softwood tree. Any softwood tree 30 inches or larger in diameter is considered a specimen tree. A native flowering tree 12 inches or larger in diameter is considered a specimen tree such as a dogwood. The diameter of a tree is measured at 4.5 feet above the ground.

### **Can I remove a specimen tree that is located on my residential property?**

Property Owners should contact the Community Development Department at 678-691-1200 prior to removal. If the tree is healthy, we recommend you consult with an arborist or urban forester for information about proper pruning and care, certified arborists can be found here, [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

### **What if the tree is dead, fallen or dying and it is located in a Buffer, Open Space, Conservation Space, Chattahoochee River Corridor, or Tree Save Area?**

Contact your Property Owners Association for tree removal and consult the protective covenants for your subdivision, Peachtree Corners does not enforce Protective Covenants. If the tree is located in the Chattahoochee River Corridor and it is dead, it may be removed after receiving a permit. If the tree is located in a stream buffer, it may be removed manually (no motorized vehicles) after receiving a permit. The stump must remain intact.

### **What do I do if a street tree has fallen which originated in the street right-of-way?**

Contact the City of Peachtree Corners Public Works Department for all fallen trees on city streets or assistance with County or State Roads at 678-691-1200. For the Gwinnett Department of Transportation, call 770.822.7400 and for Georgia Department of Transportation, call 404.656.5267.

**Note: Properties zoned commercial, office-institutional, industrial, or multi-family must obtain a Permit in order to remove any trees, permits can be found on the City's Website**

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