

PERMIT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Residential- Tree Removal

General Scope:

Tree removal of trees requiring a permit in unincorporated Pasco County. Replacement only on commercial parcels with a landscape plan approved by Current Planning. Residential removals where an arborist has not provided a letter under SB 518 (provide link to law)

Examples of Types of Work:

Removal of larger overmature trees that are in decline or a hazard to human infrastructure, removal of native trees that are in the way of construction (with a building permit approved), removal and replacement of trees used to verify a shade tree requirement on new and established parcels regardless of size, removal of trees that are causing damage to permanent infrastructure. DOES NOT include parcels with no primary structure; an assigned address and site development permit are required to remove trees that need a permit. PASCO COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A “LOT CLEARING PERMIT” OF ANY KIND.

Documents Required:

- Site plan/ Survey Including
 - Parcel outline with tree(s) marked in their location(s) on site relative to any infrastructure and issues cited on the application form. It may fit on the application page.
- [Permit Application](#)
- [How to fill out a Tree Removal Permit](#)
- [ROW \(Right-of-Way\) Use Permit with Tree Removal](#)

Not in all cases, only if damage is caused to county infrastructure-provide photos if the tree is in a county right-of-way to confirm.

Special Conditions:

Wetlands and grand trees are subject to additional review and conditions for removal. Most applications will need photos, but some reasons for removal are related to other permits; include them in the application. All permits have a replanting requirement unless an exemption is granted. Exceptions include community exemptions (we have a list and will check), parcels that are heavily wooded with qualifying shade trees (send photos for review with request to waive replant), and rare circumstances where any avenue to plant a tree on the parcel will lead to an unviable tree; this must be after all avenues for tree planting are found to be unviable- and is subject to strenuous review.

Average Review Time for the month for this work type:

3 to 4 business days; can be delayed with incomplete applications. Permits with additional review will require more time and will be noted for the applicant in the record and invoice email, along with any additional documents needed.

Tutorials, Helpful Videos & Reference Links:

Videos

- [LDC Section 802 - Tree Preservation and Replacement](#)
- [LDC Section 905 - Landscaping and Buffering](#)

PascoGateway Training page:

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net/938/PascoGateway-Training>

Documents/Forms/Fees page:

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net/867/Documents-Forms-Fees-Codes>

Florida Building Code:

<https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>

Pasco Land Development Code:

https://library.municode.com/fl/pasco_county/codes/land_development_code

Apply for a permit in PascoGateway:

<https://aca-prod.accela.com/pasco/Default.aspx>

If you need assistance with a Tree Permit, please contact [BCS Customer Service](#) or via phone (727) 847-8126 and our staff will be happy to assist you.