

**PINEBROOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
617 NE 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue \* Vancouver, WA 98684\* (360-892-2028)  
**Tree Removal Guidelines – Private Lots**

A) Approval Procedure

1. All tree removal is subject to a Tree Removal Notification Form, which needs to be submitted to the Maintenance Supervisor and ACC for approval. Homeowner pays for any tree removed on their property and any clean up afterwards.
2. Any tree removed (unless tree sprout or shoot) will require a replacement tree as outlined in **Tree Replacement and Establishment Guidelines**.
3. Pinebrook is located within the city limits of Vancouver. Vancouver Municipal Code and By Laws need to be followed when a tree is removed. A permit from the Director of Public Works may be required. (See “City of Vancouver – DO I NEED A TREE PERMIT?”) attached.
4. Established trees shall be given consideration for removal as follows:
  - a. Dead or dying
  - b. Diseased – approval may require consultation with a certified arborist
  - c. Insect infested – approval may require consultation with a certified arborist.
  - d. Causing structural damage to home, driveway, sidewalk or utilities – approval may require consultation with a certified arborist and/or structural engineer.
5. Emergency exception will be granted in cases of a natural disaster (i.e. severe wind and/or storm, etc.)
  - a. Photo documentation of damaged tree will be required.
6. Any costs associated in consultation with the certified arborist and/or structural engineer will be borne by the homeowner.

B) Tree Removal Procedure

1. Only a licensed and bonded tree removal service should be used.
2. Damage occurring to any roof, paint, gutter, lawns or the sprinkler system during the tree removal process is the homeowner’s responsibility.
3. After the tree is removed, the homeowner is responsible for cleanup of debris.
4. Stumps and roots of trees shall be removed to a point at least one foot below the surface. Exception can be made if utilities are in the way.
5. The remaining roots shall be treated with a suitable compound to prevent future sprouting or growth.
6. Cleanup and stump removal must be completed within 45 days of the beginning of tree removal.
7. Pinebrook Rules allow only two cords of wood to be stored adjacent to the home. Storage of more than two cords of wood from the felled tree requires approval by the ACC.
8. If the tree straddles the property line, both homeowners must agree in writing to remove the tree.