

**Freedom Pond Cooperative, Inc.**  
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**Tree Trimming/Removal Policy**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to define the procedure for having trees trimmed and removed in an efficient, equitable and cost effective manner.

1. **Trees are the property and responsibility of the Cooperative.** Funds are allocated annually for tree trimming/ removal.
2. The Co-op will maintain an ongoing list for tree work. The BOD will identify the trees to be trimmed/removed for the fiscal year. They will be prioritized in the following order:
  - a. Trees identified as dangerous or hazardous
  - b. Those which must be removed for infrastructure projects
  - c. Member requests via the **Maintenance/Site Improvement Form** on a first come, first served basis as funds permit
3. Trees will be marked, a list provided and a walk through arranged with the Tree Service.
4. A walk through to identify trees for removal or trimming and to determine any obstacles to the required work, will be conducted with the homeowner. Homeowners are responsible for moving vehicles and other items which may obstruct access by the tree service.
5. If Members wish to keep the wood from trees cut on their lots, they may pay the cost of taking them down or perform agreed upon work for the Coop in return for firewood. The agreement must be negotiated and signed prior to tree work.
6. Individuals receiving wood in payment for work must remove it to their own lots within 5-14 days, depending upon location. The recipient is responsible for all site cleanup.
7. Wood chips from the cutting process will be placed near the Boat, Camper, RV Storage Area and are available for Member use.
8. Members in good standing may request to trim or remove their own trees. They must provide:
  - a. **Maintenance/Site Improvement Form**
  - b. Proof of Homeowner's Insurance (if using power equipment)
  - c. Signed copy of a **Tree Cutting Release Form** (if using power equipment)

**This Tree Trimming/Removal Policy** was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on December 9, 2019.

The foregoing is a true and accurate account, attested by,

  
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Director

12/9/19  
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Date