

BROOKSIDE TREE REMOVAL POLICY

The grounds at Brookside Community have developed into a mature landscape. Mature trees add value to the property and most of us live here is because it looks like a park. That being said, trees are now blocking views and causing other problems that lead a desire by some residents to remove certain trees. Trees that are an imminent danger to property or are diseased and dying will be removed by the HOA at its expense. Such trees should be reported to the HOA. If the tree is healthy and not a danger, the owner may submit a written request to the Grounds Committee for permission to remove it along with a plan for replanting. The Grounds Committee will take into account all the reasons for the requested removal. The following criteria for removal of healthy trees must be met to obtain approval to proceed with the removal:

1. Your neighbors who will be impacted by the removal must agree with the removal.
2. The homeowner must hire a licensed and insured tree removal service to perform the work.
3. The stump be killed and ground out. Grinding insures the stump is not an eyesore as well as not a potential liability hazard. It also stops the roots from continuing to grow and send up suckers.
4. A written plan of how you will replant the area must be submitted for approval. Once that plan is approved, you will be responsible for implementing it in a reasonable time.
5. The homeowner is responsible for all the costs involved.