

To Devon Hills Community

Topic: ***It has come to our attention that some residents might have misinterpreted an email blast that went out regarding tree removal and your HOA's responsibility.***

We wanted to apologize for any confusion that has caused and with this email provide a more complete overview of your HOA rules and guidelines for trees.

1. A tree that is growing in your yard is your responsibility and you can remove it regardless of the condition (healthy or otherwise) at your cost. You don't need your HOA's approval or permission to have it removed.
2. A tree or part thereof that falls from outside your yard into your yard becomes your responsibility to remove. The part that is in your yard is your responsibility to remove at your cost. Your insurance should be contacted to assess how best to handle any cost.
3. A tree that is growing on your HOA area is the responsibility of your HOA and the following could apply:
 - a. **Healthy Tree growing on an HOA area.** If you want to remove a healthy tree on an HOA area, your HOA may allow you to remove it. Contact the HOA for guidance on next steps.
 - b. **A tree on your HOA area that you believe is unsafe** and represents a risk then you should contact the HOA for the tree to be assessed.
 - c. **The HOA will organize an independent arborist** to assess the tree
 - i. If the independent assessment deems it to be unsafe the HOA will remove it at the cost of the HOA.
 - ii. If the independent assessment deems it to be safe, then the HOA will decline to remove it at the cost of the HOA.
 - iii. If you still want the tree removed, despite the safe assessment, the HOA may allow you to have it removed at your cost.
4. These guidelines have been reviewed by your HOA legal counsel and are deemed appropriate and consistent with the law and other HOA guidelines.

Below is a link to our web site and full bylaws.

If you believe your HOA is in error in any way with this approach, please contact the HOA and provide your feedback, insight and guidance. At the end of the day the HOA is attempting to administer the bylaws on behalf of the community.

Summary and Links to Devon Hills Community Bylaws

Your community has a total of 117 single-family homes, distributed among four distinct and picturesque neighborhood areas, Devon Valley, Devon Glen, and North and South Devon Highlands.

Devon Hills was founded in 1988 as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and chartered as a mutual benefit (non-profit) corporation. This provides all homeowners the protection of covenants and restrictions to control property use and provide mutually beneficial maintenance that impacts neighborhood safety, aesthetics, and home value. The covenants and restrictions are available for your review on this website.

Each homeowner automatically becomes a member of the Neighborhood Association. Members pay monthly dues that contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of common grounds that surround each neighborhood. Every homeowner is encouraged to attend the annual meeting to elect representatives from their own community that serve as the Board of Directors. Each of the four communities is assured representation to provide input and express individual concerns. The Board meets regularly to monitor the budget, review requests for improvement or alteration of architecture, and resolve issues on behalf of the entire neighborhood.

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