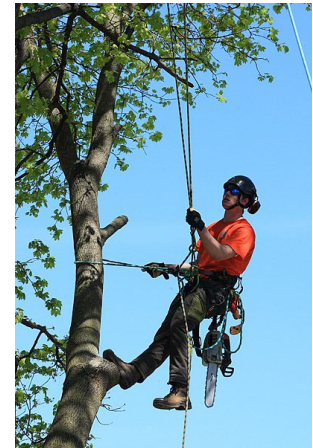


# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## What You Need to Know About Disposal of Large Tree Debris

It's no surprise that Gainesville is listed as a Tree City USA, as we are lucky enough to have an abundant canopy of trees in our community. With all these trees, it becomes necessary to occasionally trim back or cut down trees to protect people and property. **To avoid getting stuck with hefty debris disposal costs, homeowners should know their responsibilities for removing this debris.**

Per City of Gainesville Ordinance (Ch. 27-73.11), it is unlawful for any person to produce tree debris while acting in the capacity of a contractor without removing the debris generated from that work. Contractors would include tree surgeons, landscapers, building contractors, as well as someone hired from Craig's List or a random person hired who happens to own a chainsaw. **Homeowners need to ensure that the removal of tree debris is included in fees for any work performed.**



Homeowners that opt to arrange for the removal of tree debris on their own should be aware that **residential curbside collection service does not include the removal of oversized material or tree debris generated from work performed by contractors.** Weekly yard waste collection is intended for the routine upkeep and maintenance of residential yard work performed by the homeowner or occupant. There are several local companies that homeowners can hire for the removal of yard debris.

To review curbside yard waste set out guidelines, please visit [gainesvillefl.gov/recycle](https://gainesvillefl.gov/recycle).

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