

# DO YOU NEED A TREE PERMIT?

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**For Existing Detached,  
Single-Family Homes\***



## WHAT IS THE *DIAMETER* OF THE TREE?

If a tree located on your property is less than **20"** in diameter at **4 1/2 feet** from the ground, there is no need to request a permit with the city to cut it down. Click [here](#) to view a graphic explaining how to measure diameter.

### **\*Please note!**

If you live in a planned development, **your tree might be regulated at any size**, if it is part of the development's approved landscape plan.

Typically these include trees planted in parking lots, adjacent to the street, or other areas. If you are unsure, please apply for a removal permit. There is no permit application fee and permits are available at [gainesvillefl.gov](http://gainesvillefl.gov)

## WHAT IS THE SPECIES OF THE TREE?

Only Heritage Trees are regulated on single-family properties. All trees become Heritage Trees when they are larger than 20" in diameter, except for Water Oaks, Laurel Oaks, Sweetgums, and Slash & Loblolly Pines, which become heritage trees at 30", and do not require a permit until they reach this size.



## WHERE ON THE PROPERTY IS IT LOCATED?

Tree species of **High Quality** are regulated anywhere on the property. All other Heritage Trees are regulated in the *legal setback*.

**High Quality trees include:** Live Oak, Sand Live Oak, Bluff Oak, Basket Oak, Southern Red Oak, Southern Magnolia, Florida Maple, Longleaf Pine, Spruce Pine, Cedar Elm, Winged Elm, Florida Elm, Bald Cypress, Pond Cypress, Tupelo, Mockernut Hickory, Pignut Hickory, Pecan, Persimmon, Basswood, Tulip Poplar, White Ash, Green Ash and Yaupon, Dahoon, and American Holly species.

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