

Can I trim my trees or cut them down?

- Tree trimming is covered in the *Land Development Code (LDC), Section 118-35 Maintenance and pruning* – which follows the pruning recommendations of the National Arborist Association. Trees shall not be severely pruned in order to permanently maintain growth at a reduced height or spread, or for commercial uses to simply cut out in order to see a sign or building. Tree abuse includes hatracking, excessive pruning, topping, etc. Basically, trees should be allowed to grow naturally, but can benefit from proper care. Please check with the Planning & Zoning Dept. BEFORE you allow someone to ruin your trees.

Don't do this:



or this:



- Tree removal is covered in the LDC, *Sections 118-111 thru 118-113* – Any tree removal requires a permit BEFORE cutting. Permits are available in the Planning & Zoning Dept. section of this web site, or at (and submitted in) Clermont City Hall. There are several criteria for removal, and replacement may be required. The health of a tree and safety of the property owners are considerations and an inspection is part of the process.
- Please call the Planning & Zoning Department at 352°394°4083 if you have any questions about tree trimming or removal.