

# ARBOR ORDINANCE

Chapter 5, Sec. 5-6, of the City's Arbor Ordinance requires that a permit application be submitted to the City and a fee paid for each tree removal of 4" DBH or larger in size. Trees that are dead or diseased, as determined by the City Arborist, still require a permit for removal, but the fee is waived.

\* *DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) refers to the diameter of a tree measured 4.5' above ground level.*

In addition, Chapter 5, Sec. 5-9, of the City's Arbor Ordinance requires that all trees which are removed or destroyed, and are subject to replacement, be replaced by a species cited in Appendix B, desirable trees, or such trees approved by the City Forester.

## Several replacement options are available:

1. Plant replacement somewhere on your private property.
2. Plant replacement on an approved donor site.
3. Pay a tree replacement fee to the City's tree bank in lieu of replacement plantings.

\* *The above is a brief summary, a complete copy of the Winter Springs Arbor Ordinance may be obtained on the City's website at: [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org).*

## PROHIBITED TREES

- Chinese Tallow
- Chinaberry
- Camphor Tree
- Brazilian Pepper
- Melaleuca
- Eucalyptus
- Java plum
- Octopus Tree
- Golden Raintree



*Chinese Tallow'  
pictured above*

For a complete list of exotic invasive plants and trees, visit the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council at:  
<http://www.fleppc.org/>

## CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS

City Arborist  
(407) 327-5982

Urban Beautification Division  
(407) 327-5976

Permitting Division  
(407) 327-5963

Public Works / Utility Divisions  
(407) 327-2669

Police Department (Non-Emergency)  
(407) 327-1000

Water Conservation Coordinator  
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# ARBOR INFORMATION GUIDE



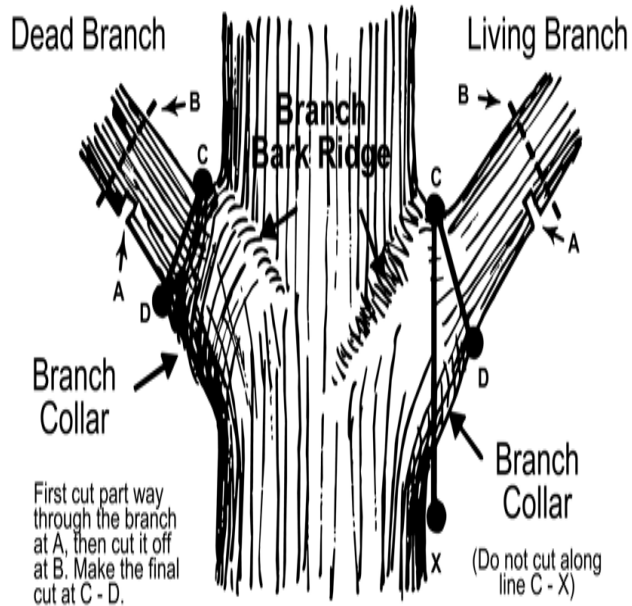
## City of Winter Springs



Tulip Poplar

Winter Springs is certified as a National Arbor Day Foundation 'Tree City USA' for over 21 years and has been awarded the 'Growth Award' for more than 11 years in a row. Winter Springs has been presented the 'Sterling Community Award' every year since 2007 as part of the Tree City USA Program.

## PROPER TREE PRUNING



## REASONS TO PRUNE

Pruning should be a regular part of all tree and shrub maintenance programs. Proper pruning involves the selective removal of plant parts to train young plants; rejuvenate older plants; improve plant appearances, structure and health; control size; create special forms; prevent personal injury and property damage; and influence flowering and fruiting.



## REASONS TO PLANT TREES

- ◆ Trees reduce home energy costs
- ◆ Trees promote wildlife
- ◆ Trees purify the air we breathe
- ◆ Trees help maintain soil moisture
- ◆ Trees raise property values
- ◆ Trees modify climate changes
- ◆ Trees provide shade for people

### Six things you should know when planting a tree.



1. **Call Before You Dig** - Several days before planting, call the national 811 hotline to have underground utilities located.

2. **Handle with Care** - Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.

3. **Digging a Proper Hole** - Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

4. **Planting Depth** - The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the top-most roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.

5. **Filling the Hole** - Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

6. **Mulch** - Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

5. For more tree-planting tips and information, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

Source: **Arbor Day Foundation**  
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## ARBOR LICENSING

For tree pruning or removals in Winter Springs, companies doing business within the city limits must have a current Arbor License issued by the City. As part of the licensing process, prospective companies provide information including a record of their Business Tax Receipt (BTR), Contact Information, and types of Insurances. This public record information is available to anyone making a requesting at City Hall or through the City's website. For more information on obtaining an Arbor License issued through the City of Winter Springs, please contact the Arbor Division at (407) 327-5982 or by email at [mmingea@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:mmingea@winterspringsfl.org).

## RECOMMENDED PLANTINGS

Live Oak  
Winged Elm  
Red Bud  
Dahoon Holly  
Red Maple  
Southern Red Cedar  
Longleaf Pine  
Tulip Poplar