



Lake Arrowhead

C O M M U N I T Y , I N C .

TREE CUTTING PERMITS

Community members, including their contractors and/or agents, must obtain a “Tree Cutting Permit” whenever they wish to cut trees within Lake Arrowhead (except trees which are less than six inches in diameter – as measured two feet from the ground – are exempt from permit requirements).

The LAC Community Permit Coordinator shall be responsible to evaluate all applications for tree cuts. An approval *will* be granted within the following guidelines:

1. When trees are within **ten feet (10’)** on either side of a twenty foot (20’) wide approved driveway.
2. When trees are within **forty feet (40’)** of approved personal residences, garages with concrete slab or foundation, septic tanks and/or leach fields; and
3. When trees are within twenty feet (**20’**) of any approved structure; and
4. If trees are dead or are proven diseased.
5. Removals are not in violation of Town Shoreland Ordinance, SRCC requirements or LAC Deed Restrictions. Please contact the appropriate agencies.

An approval for cutting trees *may* be granted for the following reasons (to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis):

1. If the applicant is making improvements* to his / her property (i.e., installation of a pool or fence):
2. If the tree(s) pose(s) an unreasonable risk to the integrity of buildings situated on the property.
3. If the tree(s) pose(s) an unreasonable risk of damage to vehicles parked within the 20-foot driveway.
** the applicant must submit a diagram of improvements and designate a completion date for the project.*

No application will be approved unless the member’s account is current (all prior year dues are paid-in-full, and current year dues are either paid-in-full or the “partial payment arrangement is current).

Fee: As of June 1, 2012, there will be a Permit Fee of \$20.00 for Tree Cutting Applications.

Restrictions: No tree cutting will be approved for the purpose of increasing views of the Lake, eliminating shady areas around a residence, expanding a back yard, or producing firewood. **No unauthorized disturbance (e.g. cutting of trees) of LAC’s Greenbelt will be allowed.**

Denials: Denials and partial denials of an application may be submitted to the Board of Trustees. When filing an appeal, the applicant must site specific reasons why the Permit Coordinator’s decision should be set aside. The decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final.

Diagrams/Marking: **Trees must be marked for review** by the Permit Coordinator. The applicant must submit a diagram detailing the location of the trees to be cut and indicating how the trees are marked for review (red paint, yellow ribbon etc).

Fines: Lake Arrowhead Community, Inc., imposes a fine of **\$250.00** per tree for every tree that is cut without the written approval of the Community Permit Coordinator. If it cannot be determined the number of trees that were cut without written approval, the fine will be **\$2,500.00**.

Expiration: Any tree cutting permit that is granted shall remain in effect for Three (3) years from the date of issuance.