

## Single Family Tree Removal Permit Approval Process

<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>Applicant Submits</b> Fully completed Tree Removal permit application, including proof of ownership (warrantee deed, tax bill etc), copy of property survey & \$50.00 application fee. If lot is undeveloped, please also indicate location of proposed residence and driveway on the survey so planning staff can assign an appropriate property address.		
			
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Application is logged-in, assigned a project/application number, given to environmental planner for review.</b>		
			
<b>Day 2-5</b>	<b>Environmental Planner reviews application and survey</b>		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>If Denied</b> A denial letter is generated and sent to applicant		<b>If Approved</b> Permit is generated and sent to applicant

A tree removal permit is required for any single-family lot greater than 1 acre in size and if a protected tree is to be damaged or removed. This only applies to lots within Indian River County and not lots within any City limits.

**Protected Trees:** Any tree having a diameter at breast height (DBH) of four (4”) inches or more, and all mangroves regardless of size. Protected trees do not include. Australian Pine (*Casuarina* sp.), Brazilian Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), or Melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*).

*Cabbage palms (Sable palmetto) and citrus trees are not protected trees, although the County encourages their preservation for landscaping. However a land clearing permit may be necessary for their removal.*