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## TREE REMOVAL NOTICE

DATE APPLIED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_, WINDERMERE, FL 34786

PROPERTY OWNER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/ ARBORIST: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR /ARBORIST PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR / ARBORIST EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tree(s) to be Removed:	Type of Tree(s):	Location of Tree(s) and Identifying Marking:	Diameter of Tree(s)

**Please include a map or diagram with the location(s) of the tree(s) to be removed as well as photos of the tree(s).**

REASON FOR REMOVAL:

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**Per FL Statute 163.045:**

Tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property. —

(1) A local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property if the property owner obtains documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree presents a danger to persons or property.

(2) A local government may not require a property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.

**Section 163.045 - [Effective 7/1/2022] Tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property**

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) "Documentation" means an on-site assessment performed in accordance with the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices - Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017) by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect and signed by the certified arborist or licensed landscape architect.

(b) "Residential property" means a single-family, detached building located on a lot that is actively used for single-family residential purposes and that is either a conforming use or a legally recognized nonconforming use in accordance with the local jurisdiction's applicable land development regulations.

(2) A local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on a residential property if the property owner possesses documentation from an arborist certified by the ISA or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree poses an unacceptable risk to persons or property. A tree poses an unacceptable risk if removal is the only means of practically mitigating its risk below moderate, as determined by the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices - Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017).

(3) A local government may not require a property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.

(4) This section does not apply to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection pursuant to ss. 403.9321-403.9333.

*Amended by 2022 Fla. Laws, ch. 121, s 1, eff. 7/1/2022.*

*Added by 2019 Fla. Laws, ch. 155, s 1, eff. 7/1/2019.*

*This section is set out more than once due to postponed, multiple, or conflicting amendments.*



# Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address/Tree location \_\_\_\_\_ Tree no. \_\_\_\_\_ Sheet \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tree species \_\_\_\_\_ dbh \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Crown spread dia. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tools used \_\_\_\_\_ Time frame \_\_\_\_\_

## Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target protection	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 – rare 2 – occasional 3 – frequent 4 – constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
			Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1								
2								
3								
4								

## Site Factors

History of failures \_\_\_\_\_ Topography Flat  Slope  \_\_\_\_\_ % Aspect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site changes None  Grade change  Site clearing  Changed soil hydrology  Root cuts  Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil conditions Limited volume  Saturated  Shallow  Compacted  Pavement over roots  \_\_\_\_\_ % Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prevailing wind direction \_\_\_\_\_ Common weather Strong winds  Ice  Snow  Heavy rain  Describe \_\_\_\_\_

## Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low  Normal  High  Foliage None (seasonal)  None (dead)  Normal \_\_\_\_\_ % Chlorotic \_\_\_\_\_ % Necrotic \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Pests/Biotic \_\_\_\_\_ Abiotic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Species failure profile Branches  Trunk  Roots  Describe \_\_\_\_\_

## Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected  Partial  Full  Wind funneling  \_\_\_\_\_ Relative crown size Small  Medium  Large   
 Crown density Sparse  Normal  Dense  Interior branches Few  Normal  Dense  Vines/Mistletoe/Moss  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recent or expected change in load factors \_\_\_\_\_

## Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

### — Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown  LCR \_\_\_\_\_ % Cracks  \_\_\_\_\_ Lightning damage   
 Dead twigs/branches  \_\_\_\_\_ % overall Max. dia. \_\_\_\_\_ Codominant  \_\_\_\_\_ Included bark   
 Broken/Hangers Number \_\_\_\_\_ Max. dia. \_\_\_\_\_ Weak attachments  \_\_\_\_\_ Cavity/Nest hole \_\_\_\_\_ % circ.  
 Over-extended branches  Previous branch failures  \_\_\_\_\_ Similar branches present   
**Pruning history**  
 Crown cleaned  Thinned  Raised   
 Reduced  Topped  Lion-tailed   
 Flush cuts  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Conks  Heartwood decay  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Response growth \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Condition(s) of concern \_\_\_\_\_  
 Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_  
**Load on defect** N/A  Minor  Moderate  Significant   
**Likelihood of failure** Improbable  Possible  Probable  Imminent

### — Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark  Abnormal bark texture/color   
 Codominant stems  Included bark  Cracks   
 Sapwood damage/decay  Cankers/Galls/Burls  Sap ooze   
 Lightning damage  Heartwood decay  Conks/Mushrooms   
 Cavity/Nest hole \_\_\_\_\_ % circ. Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Poor taper   
 Lean \_\_\_\_\_ ° Corrected? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Response growth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition(s) of concern \_\_\_\_\_  
 Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_  
**Load on defect** N/A  Minor  Moderate  Significant   
**Likelihood of failure** Improbable  Possible  Probable  Imminent

### — Roots and Root Collar —

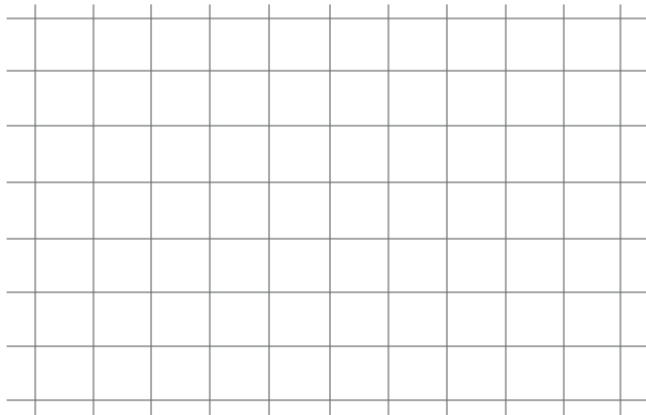
Collar buried/Not visible  Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Stem girdling   
 Dead  Decay  Conks/Mushrooms   
 Ooze  Cavity  \_\_\_\_\_ % circ.  
 Cracks  Cut/Damaged roots  Distance from trunk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Root plate lifting  Soil weakness   
 Response growth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition(s) of concern \_\_\_\_\_  
 Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Distance \_\_\_\_\_  
**Load on defect** N/A  Minor  Moderate  Significant   
**Likelihood of failure** Improbable  Possible  Probable  Imminent

**Risk Categorization**

Target (Target number or description)	Tree part	Condition(s) of concern	Likelihood												Consequences				Risk rating (from Matrix 2)
			Failure				Impact				Failure & Impact <i>(from Matrix 1)</i>								
			Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely	Very likely	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe	

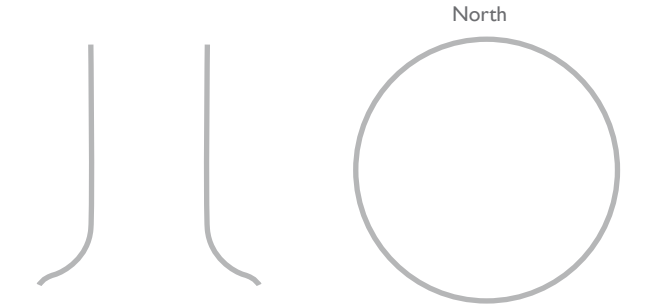
Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely



Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low



**Notes, explanations, descriptions**

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**Mitigation options**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Residual risk \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall tree risk rating**     Low    Moderate    High    Extreme

**Overall residual risk**     None    Low    Moderate    High    Extreme      **Recommended inspection interval** \_\_\_\_\_

**Data** Final Preliminary   **Advanced assessment needed** No Yes-Type/Reason \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspection limitations** None Visibility Access Vines Root collar buried Describe \_\_\_\_\_