



Exemptions from Atlantic Beach Tree Permit Requirements

The following activities shall be exempt from the requirements to apply for and receive a tree or vegetation removal permit.



1. NO DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Or minor development activity (less than \$10,000) on previously developed sites in the past 2 year or planned within 2 years.



2. EMERGENCY SITUATION

Trees damaged as a result of an emergency if it's determined that permitting requirements will hamper restoration work.



3. SAFETY HAZARD

Trees that pose imminent danger to the public if it's determined that immediate removal without delay is required.



4. DISEASE OR INFESTATION

Trees that are diseased or pest-infested if it's determined that removal is needed to prevent the spread of disease or pests.



5. NOXIOUS INVASIVE TREES

Trees that are currently listed as invasive or a nuisance by a recognized authority, after inspection and verification.

6. UTILITY OPERATIONS

Trees or vegetation in areas of existing or planned lines or facilities, to be removed by authorized companies, and the activity avoids unnecessary removal.



7. SURVEYORS/ENGINEERS

Trees or vegetation blocking access needed to conduct a professional survey or site examination, providing that alteration is limited to a swath of ten (10) feet wide or less. Does not apply to regulated trees or regulated vegetation.



8. CITY CREWS

Trees and vegetation that the city removes within public rights-of-way, utility or drainage easements or the illumination areas of street lights, and other public lands as necessary.



None of these exemptions apply to any coastal dune vegetation seaward of the coastal construction control line or to heritage trees. Such vegetation and trees shall be fully subject to the provisions of the ordinance and any state permitting requirements applying to the coastal zone.