Anchorage Tree Removal Approval Process

1. Conditions Requiring Approval Prior to Removal

The Anchorage Community Declaration of Restrictions requires that a request for approval be submitted to the board of directors to remove any tree with a diameter over 6 inches as measured 2 feet above ground.

As part of the request, sketch or drawing of the location of the tree(s) on your property with photos included if possible.

Requests Are Considered at Monthly Board Meetings

The written request can be submitted to any board member or Anchorage's president. Your request will be reviewed at the next board meeting. In the event of a tree emergency, contact the president. An emergency on-line vote will be considered.

Property Owners within the 100-Foot Waterfront Buffer Zone Require a County Permit
([Vegetation Management Plans | Anne Arundel County Government](#))

Homeowners whose scope of work is within the 100-foot shoreline buffer area by law must obtain an Anne Arundel County permit before any tree, shrub or other woody vegetation can be removed, and before the Anchorage board can consider a proposal for removal. The county's Standard Vegetation Management Plan application is available on the county website.

2. Conditions NOT Requiring Approval Prior to Removal

Living trees whose trunk is less than 6 inches in diameter measured 2 feet above the ground, do not need board approval except where prohibited by Maryland law.

Dead Trees and those Endangering Property or Thoroughfares, such trees, dead or dying, may be removed, after outreach to the board president which includes documentation outlining the endangerment as certified by a licensed MD tree expert.

3. Consult your Neighbors; Plant a Tree

The board asks that you share your plans with your neighbors. In addition, similar to county rules, the board asks that if your removal is approved, that you plant a new tree or shrub that is native to our area.

Thank you for being a responsible Anchorage resident and helping to maintain the beauty of our community.

Approved via email vote.