



Getting your City of Atlanta Permit

Contact us if you need to secure permits for tree removal. We submit dead or hazardous permit [applications](#) online for free for all tree's with a DBH (diameter at breast height) of 6" or more, on behalf of potential clients. If such a permit is turned down, that means that in the view of the city arborist the tree is not hazardous enough to warrant removal. This decision can be appealed, but usually if you still want to cut the tree it's best to go through the recompense process, which is described on the website.

Alpharetta

A permit must be obtained for the removal of any tree. The minimum turn around on Tree Removal Permits in Alpharetta is 14 days.

Permit applications must be submitted through the City of Alpharetta Permitting Portal. <https://permits.alpharetta.ga.us/permits/template/login.aspx>

Brookhaven

A permit must be obtained for the removal of any tree in Brookhaven. Permit applications must be submitted through the City of Brookhaven Project Portal

<https://cityworks.brookhavenga.gov/ProjectPortal>

Cobb County

In most cases a tree removal permit is not required for residential homes when trees are removed. If the tree(s) are in a stream buffer zone or some other buffer zone required by the Zoning Code a county review and approval is required. Contact the Site Plan and Review Section at 770-528-2147 with any questions.

College Park

There is no arborist division, however, a mini action plan is required to be taken to College Park City Hall at 3667 Main St. The cost is \$20 for a tree permit.

Dekalb County

Dekalb County has a well-designed but complicated [tree protection plan](#) which seeks to allow homeowners some flexibility in cutting trees, but imposes strict requirements for new developments. For example, you may cut up to five trees a year on a private plot, as long as they are smaller than 30 inches in diameter, and you may cut as many trees as you like fewer than 8 inches in diameter, unless it is a precursor to earthmoving. In the case of earthmoving, which constitutes new development, a more complicated evaluation takes place, which emphasizes a certain level of tree cover for all new developments. You may not cut specimen trees in Dekalb County without a special permit, and the Dekalb County Department of County Planning and Development usually prefers to conduct an Environmental Plan Review. Our contact for tree removals in unincorporated Dekalb County is **Greg Hubbard**, who can be reached at 678-300-5259, or Russell Tinning, 404-371-2685, rwtonning@dekalbcountyga.gov

Dekalb Historic District

All trees within Dekalb Historic districts need a certificate of appropriateness, as well as a letter from the arborist. Any questions can be directed to David Cullison (404) 371-2247 dccullis@dekalbcountyga.gov

Duluth

Duluth values trees and vegetation, and believes that the presence of trees enhances the quality of life of the citizens of Duluth. E-mail the date of removal, DBH of the tree, an arborist letter and site map to our contact in Duluth at the City of Duluth, Permitter Carol Hill Chill@duluthga.net

Dunwoody

Private property owners are allowed to remove trees on their property without a permit in Dunwoody, UNLESS the tree removal is part of a larger construction project, or when a healthy tree exists in a city stream buffer, however, they ask that residents fill out a form telling the city about the removal, so that property owners and the city can be aware of the codes and ordinances surrounding tree removal.

East Point

The removal of five (5) or more non-specimen trees from developed single family detached lot shall require an application and site plan submitted for review and approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning. The site plan shall identify the number and location of non-specimen trees to be removed. A fee will be assessed for the Plan Review. Applications are to be taken to East Point City Hall by a certified arborist.

South Fulton

No permit is required but notification should be sent by e-mail to Bennet White informing of the trees to be removed. Bennett.white@cityofsouthfultonga.gov

Hapeville

Hapeville does not need a tree removal permit, as such, but does require that you call **Lemuel Eubanks**, Water/Sewer Coordinator in the Department of Community Services, and the Police department.

Roswell

You must obtain a permit for all trees on a one-acre or greater lot, and for all specimen trees, which are trees over 27" in diameter.

Contact Andy Pittner 770-594-6293, apittner@roswellgov.com

Sandy Spring

A permit must be obtained for the removal of any tree. If the canopy coverage is pruned more than 35%, additional planting is necessary. Contact **Sandra Dewitt (770-206-1568)** to notify her of your intentions. In the case of fallen trees or hazardous trees an attached photo may be acceptable to begin work.

Email Sandra at: SDeWitt@SandySpringsga.gov

Chamblee

If you are cutting a specimen tree or are cutting more than 5 trees then an application must be turned in to Zach Ponds at zponds@chamblee.gov

Decatur

There is an online [application](#) for tree information permit. There is no fee unless cutting in the historic district or if tree is healthy, or if it is the 4th tree being removed within 18 months. The arborist for Decatur is Kay Evanovich (678) 553-6527 kay.evanovich@decaturga.com

Doraville

Permit application and \$25 permit fee to be taken to 3725 Park Ave.
Doraville. Permits@doraville.us

Marietta

A tree removal permit is not required for single family residential properties. For questions contact Shelby Little at City Of Marietta at SLittle@marietta.gov

Pine Lake

Submit application to info@pinelakega.com along with drawing and photos, business license, and proof of insurance.

Tucker

Submit applications to Tim Lampkin at Tlampkin@tuckerga.gov 470-273-3079

Smyrna

A permit is not needed for residential trees.

City of Clarkston

Submit permit application, copy of driver's license of each person that will be working on the job, and a business license to Gabrielle Usher at 404-296-6489 ext. 410 gabrielleu@cityofclarkston.com or to Shawanna Qawiy at 404-296-6489 ext. 421 sqawiy@cityofclarkston.com

Johns Creek

Submit pictures and site map to
<http://www.johnscreekgga.gov/Services-Resources/Forms/Tree-Removal-Permission>

Milton

Submit an email with application package, COI, and business license to Dave Butler at dave.butler@cityofmiltonga.us 678-242-2555

Forrest Park

Submit tree removal permit application, business license, certificate of insurance and a \$50 permitting fee to Planning, Building, And Zoning Department at 785 Forest Parkway, Forest Park 30297 404-608-2303

Marietta

A tree removal permit is not needed for single family residential properties. Any questions can be directed to Shelby Little slittle@mariettaga.gov