

FAQ

Do I need a permit to cut down vegetation (trees, shrubs, land clearing) on my own property?

Yes. Any and all vegetation removal requires a vegetation removal permit. The application can be found at:

<http://www.stlucieco.gov/home/showdocument?id=1940>

Do I need a permit to remove pepper trees or exotic vegetation from my property?

Yes. Even though Brazilian Pepper trees are a Category 1 Invasive species and not native to St. Lucie County, a permit is required.

Is a permit required for trimming on the Dune?

Yes. Dune trimming is only permitted from March 1 – Oct 1. Only plants greater than six feet (6') in height are permitted to be trimmed and no plant shall be cut to a height less than six feet (6') in height. No more than one-third of the plant height or foliage surface area is permitted to be trimmed in that year. The Dune Trimming Application can be found at:

<http://www.stlucieco.gov/home/showdocument?id=1942>

I received a violation for vegetation removal from Code Enforcement, what do I do in order to close the violation?

There are 2 options:

File for an After the Fact Vegetation Removal permit. This permit application can be found at:

<http://www.stlucieco.gov/home/showdocument?id=1940>

Or

Present your case before code board for review of violation.

Do I need to be present when the inspector preforms the inspection of my property with regard to my vegetation removal application?

No. No one is required to be present during the inspection. If you would like to be present for the inspection, please note your request and a contact phone number you can be reached out to schedule a time for the inspector to meet you onsite.

How long does it take for my vegetation removal permit to be issued?

As outlined under section 11.05.06 © of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code, the Environmental Resources Department shall review the application and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application, based on the standard set forth in Section 6.00.05 of this Code within twenty (20) business days.

Applications requiring a concurrent building permit will be processed within the twenty (20) day timeframe, however will not be released until the building permit is also approved.

Do I need a permit to trim my trees or bushes?

Trimming or pruning of vegetation which is not intended to result in the eventual death of the vegetation, mowing of yards or lawns, or any other landscaping or gardening activity which is commonly recognized as routine maintenance, replacement or re-landscaping which does not result in the eventual death of any vegetation, does not require the approval of a Notice of Vegetation Removal.

Is there a fee payment required at the time of application?

No. Fees are determined after the application has been processed, inspection completed and permit is ready to be issued.