

## How You Can Help

As you may have already seen, the Town of Miami Lakes has taken an active role in trimming, pruning and planting new trees in the swale areas to enhance the aesthetics of your community. The Town would like to give residents a few tips on maintaining these wonderful shade trees and creating a beautiful canopy in your neighborhood.

As per the Town Code, the property owner may lay sod or plant annual or perennial flowers. Shade trees may only be planted if approved by the Town.

Trees planted in the swale area are the property of the Town and may not be removed or trimmed by the abutting property owner without approval from the Town. Illegal/improper removal or damage caused to these trees will result in a fine of \$500 per incident.



The Town has begun to replace trees that have been removed due to damage or lost during the last hurricanes. The Town is planting Live Oak trees in the swale areas; these trees will live many years and provide excellent shade.

To report a tree that needs trimming or replacement in the swale area, you may contact the Town of Miami Lakes by calling (305) 364-6100 or by visiting the Town of Miami Lakes website at [www.townofmiamilakes.com](http://www.townofmiamilakes.com) then click on Customer Service via Better Places and enter the request under tree trimming or tree planting.

DERM  
(305) 372-6574  
[www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/derm](http://www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/derm)

In the event that you plan to replace a swale-area tree, you will need to apply for a tree removal permit from DERM (Department of Environmental Resources Management) and the Miami Lakes Public Works Department. To contact the Town of Miami Lakes Public Works Department you may call (305) 364-6100.

By protecting these trees you will be making an investment in the future value of your home, your community, and the Town of Miami Lakes.

Please help us keep Miami Lakes beautiful!

Sincerely,

Wayne Slaton  
Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes



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