



## Community Services Department

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### Black Olive Tree Removal Program

Most black olive trees in the Town have been considered to be a nuisance because of their stain causing leaves and berries, and aggressive root structure which tends to lift sidewalks and wrap around utility lines. The Town has approved a 15 year replacement program for the removal of the estimated 3,040 black olive trees in the Town.

As part of the replacement program, the Town will be removing those black olive trees designated to be dead, critical or poor condition over the next two to three years, and then proceed to the majority of the trees which are in fair condition. This phased approach will allow us to mitigate the costs involved with the program and the impact to the Town's tree canopy over a 15 year period.

#### Expedited Program Criteria and Requirements

A constituent may be moved up the tree removal list by opting for the Expedited Program. This program allows a constituent to speed up the removal and replacement process if the tree(s) is in fair condition.

##### A. Requests

1. Constituent must fill out and sign an Expedited Tree Removal Application, to be submitted to the Community and Leisure Services Department.
2. The Expedited Tree Removal Application is available at the end of this document or at the Town of Miami Lakes Community & Leisure Services Departmental office.

##### B. Payment of Fee

1. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 must be submitted at the time of application.
2. Constituent will also be responsible for the costs associated with the removal of the tree(s) to include the following:
  - a. Downing of the tree
  - b. Disposal of the tree debris
  - c. Removal of the stump
  - d. Adding any required soil and grass seed to the old tree site

3. Constituent will also be responsible for the costs associated with the replacement of lost canopy of the tree(s). The cost is based on the DBH (diameter breast height) and canopy spread of the tree(s). This cost will be determined by the Department and it includes the following:
  - a. Planting of a new tree adjacent to the old tree site. Should this not be possible due to the proximity to other existing trees or hardscape, or due to site distance problems, the replacement tree will be planted at another site on Town property.
4. Once a final cost estimate is determined, residents will have 30 days to issue payment if they choose to continue with the removal and replacement.
5. The final cost will be made out in a form of a check payable to the Town of Miami Lakes Community & Leisure Services Department. Please refer to the table below for approximate costs for removal and replacement

**Black Olive Removal and Replacement Approximate Cost  
(Based on replanting with 14-16' Florida Live Oak)**

DESCRIPTION	<u>Price</u>
Tree Size @DBH- Under 18"	\$975
Tree Size @DBH- Over 18" to 24"	\$1425
Tree Size @DBH- Over 24" to 30"	\$1475
Tree Size @DBH- Over 30" to 36"	\$1575

**C. Procedure for Tree Removal**

1. The tree(s) removal process shall be within (4) weeks once payment has been received into the Town's funds.
2. The replanting process shall be within (4) weeks from the date the tree has been removed.

