

## **Ashburn Farm Association Tree Removal Policy**

- All trees reported to the Home Owners Association will be identified and inspected as soon as possible. A determination will be made within 48 hours of that inspection on how to proceed with the identified tree. The resident who reported the problem tree will be made aware of the decision. Residents not satisfied with the decision have the right to appeal to the Board of Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting.
- The Ashburn Farm Association will not remove any tree or limb that is considered to be “alive”. It is the right of the homeowner to prune any branch or tree at their property line that is rooted in the “common area” and extends onto their property.
- The Ashburn Farm Association will only remove trees that are on “common area” which is Association property. All other removals are the responsibility of the homeowner.
- The Association will not remove trees that do not pose imminent danger to passers-by, or nearby personal property.
- Any tree that is deemed by the Association to be an imminent danger, or inundated with Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, or Poison Sumac and designated for removal, will be removed as soon as possible by an experienced, licensed, and insured tree removal company contracted by the Association.
- If a tree is within a maintained “common area” and is dead or contains dead limbs - but poses no serious threat to life or property - the tree will be removed as part of the Ashburn Farm bi-annual tree removal schedule.
- Trees removed from “natural tree save areas” will not have the stumps removed. The stump will be cut as closely to grade as possible.
- Trees removed from maintained “common” ground will have the stump removed as the Association budget allows. When possible, all small debris will be chipped and disposed of by the contractor. In the natural tree save areas, large logs and limbs will be “blocked” up and left lying flat on site.
- Only trees that are within the boundaries of the maintained “common areas” will be treated for pests.