



# VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

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Mission Statement: "TO PROVIDE A SAFE, QUALITY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ISLANDERS THROUGH RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT"

## TREE REMOVAL/RELOCATION REQUIREMENTS

Any tree removal/relocation on private or public property requires a Village Tree Removal/Relocation Permit. The permit application, appended at the end of this document, also is available at the Village website.

The completed permit application should be submitted to the Building, Zoning and Planning Department (BZP) for review for trees on private property. Division of Public Works staff review permits for trees in the local public right-of-way (ROW). One exemption applies: Removal of pest trees classified by Village Code Sect. 30-235 (a) and shown below (part of a larger list of pest trees identified by Miami-Dade County (MDC) shown in the next section.)

1. *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Cajeput, Paperbark Tree)
2. *Casuarina spp.* (Australian Pine, Beefwood)
3. *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian Pepper)
4. *Schefflera actinophylla* (Queensland Umbrella Tree)
5. *Araucaria heterophylla* (Norfolk Island Pine)

A Miami-Dade County (MDC) permit also is required for removing/relocating any specimen tree on private property within the Village of greater than 18" caliper (trunk diameter measured at 4.5' height from ground level; see [http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/faqs/tree\\_removal.asp#DBH](http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/faqs/tree_removal.asp#DBH) for more info), and any tree in the public right-of-way larger than 3" caliper or 12' height. MDC Permitting, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Department (PERA) allows these exemptions per County Code Sect. 24-49 (4):

1. Non-specimen trees on Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned lots where new construction for builder/owner is occurring.
2. Non-specimen trees on any SFR lot where there is an existing home.
3. Removal of dead trees.
4. Removal of any tree on the Miami-Dade pest list, shown below.
  - a. *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Cajeput, Paperbark Tree)
  - b. *Casuarina spp.* (Australian Pine, Beefwood)
  - c. *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian Pepper)
  - d. *Bischofia javanica* (Bishopwood)
  - e. *Ricinus communis* (Castor Bean)
  - f. *Psidium guajava* (Guava)
  - g. *Albizia lebbek* (Woman's Tongue)
  - h. *Acacia auriculaeformis* ((Earleaf Acacia)
  - i. *Schefflera actinophylla* (Queensland Umbrella Tree)
  - j. *Araucaria heterophylla* (Norfolk Island Pine)
  - k. *Metopium toxiferum* (Poisonwood)
  - l. *Adenanthera pavonina* (Red Sandalwood)
  - m. *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* (Carrotwood)
  - n. *Dalbergia sissoo* (Indian Dalbergia, Sissoo)
  - o. *Ficus microcarpa* (=R. nitida; =F. retusa varnitida) (Laurel Fig)
  - p. *Flacourtia indica* (Governor's Plum)
  - q. *Hibiscus tiliaceus* (Mahoe)
  - r. *Leucaena leucocephala* (Lead Tree)
  - s. *Mimosa pigra* (Catclaw Mimosa)
  - t. *Thespesia populnea* (Seaside Mahoe)