

Tree Removal Guidelines

Per the Crossgates Master HOA Landscape & Tree Policy:

- Street trees may not be removed unless they are diseased or hazardous.
- If removal is necessary, the replacement tree must be of the same genus or an approved equivalent, and the replacement must be approved by the Architectural Committee/Crossgates Master Board/Thorngate Board.
- No trees or landscape beds may be planted in drainage swales, as these are essential for proper stormwater management.

Architectural Committee Approval

- Any changes to landscaping, including tree removal or replacement, require prior approval from the Architectural Committee.
- Exceptions include like-for-like replacements of shrubs or ornamental trees within existing beds.
- To request approval, please submit the appropriate form along with details of the proposed changes, including species, location, and any contractor information.

Approved Deciduous Tree Species

- Please ensure that any selected replacement tree is from this approved list or receives specific approval from the Architectural Committee.
- The following deciduous trees are permitted to meet chapter requirements:
 - *Acer rubrum* – Red Maple
 - *Acer saccharum* – Sugar Maple
 - *Celtis occidentalis* – Common Hackberry
 - *Fagus sylvatica* – European Beech
 - *Fraxinus americana* – White Ash
 - *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* – Green Ash
 - *Ginkgo biloba fastigiata* – Maidenhair Tree (*male only*)
 - *Gleditsia triacanthos* – Thornless Locust
 - *Liquidambar styraciflua* – Sweet Gum
 - *Liriodendron tulipifera* – Tulip Poplar
 - *Quercus* spp. – All Oak species
 - *Sophora japonica* – Scholar Tree / Pagoda Tree
 - *Tilia* spp. – American, Little Leaf, Crimean, and Silver Linden
 - *Ulmus* hybrids – Homestead or Sapporo Autumn Gold
 - *Ulmus parviflora* – Chinese or Lacebark Elm (*excluding Siberian Elm*)
 - *Zelkova serrata* – Zelkova