

Tree Removal Policy for the Idlewild Property Owners Association Version: 2016-08

From time-to-time, trees within or beyond the right-of-way of Idlewild roads may fall or pose a threat to fall in a manner that could damage or block a portion of a road. At their discretion and expense, lot owners may cut down such trees on their lot and retain or dispose of the wood and slash as they prefer. At their discretion and expense, lot owners may also cut and remove fallen trees that are blocking any portion of a road in Idlewild. However, if time and circumstances permit, lot owners are encouraged to contact a member of the POA Board of Directors to request assistance in removing trees that are blocking a road.

Standing tree - base of tree within the right-of-way

The Idlewild POA may hire a professional tree service or landscaping company and pay their expenses to cut down any diseased or dead tree while the tree is still standing if (1) the base of the tree is within 25 feet of the center line of Spanish Oak Drive, Sassafras Lane, or Chestnut Lane and (2) it is apparent that the tree, by falling, would damage or block a portion of Spanish Oak Drive, Sassafras Lane, or Chestnut Lane. The POA may take such action without prior notification of the owner of the lot where the tree is located.

Fallen tree – base of tree within or beyond the right-of-way

The Idlewild POA may hire a professional tree service or landscaping company and pay their expenses to cut all or a portion of a tree that has partially or completely fallen and is either blocking or threatening to block a portion of Spanish Oak Dr, Sassafras Lane, or Chestnut Lane regardless of the location of the base of the tree. The POA may take such action without prior notification of the owner of the lot where the tree is located.

Disposal of slash (limbs and leaves)

The POA shall pay the expenses to chip and remove slash from any portion of a tree that has fallen onto Idlewild roads as a result of wind or storm damage. When the POA pays the expenses to cut down a tree, the POA shall pay the expenses to chip and remove slash from the site.

Disposal of trunk and branches greater than 5 inches in diameter

Disposal of any portion of a tree with a diameter greater than 5 inches shall be determined by the POA Landscaping Committee. Because the goal of the POA is to minimize expenses while ensuring that remnants of trees do not interfere with traffic, the most common recommendation by the Landscaping Committee is to cut the trunk and large branches as needed to safely remove them from the right-of-way and place them on the lot where the tree was originally located. If the lot owner does not state an interest in keeping these large pieces, the Landscaping Committee may decide whether to offer the wood for free or for sale to members of the Idlewild POA or other interested persons. When necessary, the Landscaping Committee may recommend that the POA pay a professional to remove the trunk and large branches from the site. The POA shall not pay any expenses to cut and stack trunks and large branches as lengths suitable for firewood.