

Vegetation Removal Affidavit

Collier County vegetation removal regulations are specified in Land Development Code (LDC) Section 3.05.00. By signing this affidavit, you are stating that you will comply with these regulations. LDC 3.05.00 states it shall be unlawful to remove, or otherwise destroy, vegetation, which includes placing of additional fill, without first obtaining a vegetation removal or vegetation removal and fill permit from the Growth Management Community Development, Development Review Division.

- No vegetation removal permit shall be issued until all applicable federal, state, and county approvals have been obtained. These approvals may include but are not limited to: Building permits; Special Treatment (ST) development permits; State and Federal agency (USACOE, FDEP, USFWS, FFWCC), permits or approvals for impacts to wetlands or listed species; or other applicable agency reviews, permits, or exemptions; other county approvals.
- Native vegetation cannot be removed before the **ISSUANCE** of a building permit. A permit for a new single-family house (PRFH) allows for clearing up to ONE ACRE. Parcels located in Rural Fringe Mixed Use district, Big Cypress Area of Critical State Concern, Special Treatment (ST) overlays or with wetlands may not be able to clear up to ONE ACRE. Additional reviews or permits are required for these areas.
- Informal Wetland Determinations can and should be obtained from the County or FDEP for properties in the Golden Gate Estates or outside approved subdivisions. Clearing in wetlands will require a permit from the FDEP, prior to clearing of vegetation.
- If clearing is not covered under the building permit issued for your new home construction, a Vegetation Removal Permit (VRP) will be required. A VRP may be required in conjunction with the issuance of a perimeter fence permit.

Note: Native vegetation includes ALL woody non-exotic trees, shrubs, and ground cover.

Permit Information

☐ Contractor OR ☐ Owner Builder

Applicant's Name: _____

Contractor Name: _____ State Registration No.: _____

Permit Type: Single-family home - Carport/Shed - Fence - Accessory - Guest house - Pool/Spa - Screen Enclosure – Other: _____

Permit Number, if known: _____

Location Information

Location Address: _____

Folio: _____

Clearing Information

Lot Area (Acres): _____

Proposed acreage to be removed: _____

If the total cleared area exceeds ONE ACRE a Vegetation Removal Permit (VRP) will be required. Failure to obtain a VRP and/or abide by the LDC may result in a violation and fines.

This form is NOT an authorization to clear. Native vegetation includes all woody Non-exotic trees, shrubs and ground cover.

Applicant Signature

Date