

Procedures to Follow if You Encounter a Potentially Dangerous Tree

1. Please notify the director of Grounds & Maintenance (currently Joe Geise) of any potentially dangerous trees, either alive or dead
2. The POA will remove dead trees and trim live trees on POA common property when necessary
3. If a tree located on adjacent private property poses a threat to your property, please follow these steps:
 - a. Notify the director in charge of Grounds Maintenance (currently Joe Geise)
 - b. The property owner with the problem tree must be notified, either by the POA director or you, the adjacent property owner
 - c. A review must be conducted to confirm the tree poses a threat. This may be done by the POA grounds director or may require a professional opinion about the tree's health
 - i. The tree should be dying, dead or leaning. Healthy trees typically will not be deemed a threat
 - ii. The tree must be in proximity to adjacent property owner assets that may be damaged if it falls
 - d. The property owner with the tree is responsible for its removal. The POA will assist in arranging removal, if requested. If the property owner refuses to remove a hazardous tree:
 - i. The complainant must send the owner a letter by ***certified mail*** stating that the tree poses a hazard and the documentation steps taken. Absent this letter, the complainant will be responsible for any damages to his property, which will be deemed "an act of God" and has no claim against the tree owner.
 - ii. Upon receipt of the certified letter, the tree owner will be responsible for all damages to the complainant's property, and may be subject to legal action in the case of injury
 - iii. In the case that a tree poses an imminent safety threat, the POA may have it removed and charge any costs to the property owner
4. Unless a tree on private property poses an imminent safety threat, the POA has no authority to remove it and the steps outlined above must be followed