

Tree Trimming and Removal

Have questions about that overgrown tree in your front yard? Want to "give it a haircut"?

River Oaks Condominium Association does quite a bit of work with **Bartlett Tree Service** and is therefore highly recommended. They are tree specialists. They brought down all of our dead trees in the fall, 2008, and in spring, 2009, did the spraying for Tent Caterpillars and air spaded all of our young trees around the Tot Lot. Bartlett is dependable and efficient, and they also clean up the debris pretty well.

Our community representative is **Tyler Balderson**. Tyler is a master Arborist and a licensed Maryland Tree Expert. He has helped us out on numerous occasions. We have given Bartlett many referrals, so Tyler is reasonable and very prompt on returning calls. Tyler's email address is tbalderson@bartlett.com. Phone is **(410) 305-0353**.

You are free to keep your low hanging limbs trimmed on all trees that are within your property lines. Our contract with **Tulip Grove Landscaping** calls for keeping trees trimmed that overhang sidewalks if they are planted in the General Common Elements, up to a maximum height above the ground of 10 feet. Tulip Grove will also keep any trimmed that are planted within the GCE that may be overhanging fences or private back yards. If working on your own trees. I recommend at least 7-8 feet clearance for limbs overhanging sidewalks and driveways.

We have no height restrictions on trees. We have found that the original builders did not do us many favors by planting trees in some locations that really do not belong in front yards as compact as ours. Now, 9-10 years later, the trees are outgrowing the structures. Unfortunately, if within your plat lines, it is your responsibility to maintain these trees.

You do not need to submit an ACA to have your tree trimmed, only if you decided to remove it and replace it with something else or plant one where none has been.