

City of Marathon, FL

Land Clearing & Pruning Information

In accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 106 of the City of Marathon Land Development Regulations, permits are required for the removal of native vegetation.

Permits can be obtained for the removal of native vegetation provided that:

1. The trees are located within the development footprint and cannot be avoided.
2. Trees are under attack from infestations of insects, fungi or other diseases and may reasonably be expected to spread.
3. Trees are an immediate safety hazard.
4. Trees that are causing damage to property where no reasonable correction can be made other than removal.

All permits for clearing are subject to Section 106.08 Permitting and Section 106.09 Relocation, Replacement and Mitigation Required.

Pruning of native vegetation, exclusive of mangroves, does not require a permit provided that it is done using best management practices. Any trimming of mangroves must be approved and permitted through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

If land clearing was done without a permit, provided a permit could have initially been issued for this work, an **After-The-Fact** permit must be obtained. Also, mitigation and/or restoration pursuant to City Code Section 106.11 may be required.

ALL invasive exotic and/or non-native removal requires a review by the Planning Director or his/her designee to determine whether or not a permit application or Vegetation Survey will be required.

Refer to Table 106.12.2 for the Prohibited Invasive Exotic list and contact the Planning Department for suggested exotic vegetation to be removed.

Please contact Patti Childress, Land Steward/Biologist at (305)289-4110 or childressp@ci.marathon.fl.us.