

KMA TREE COMMITTEE SUMMARY 2023-2024

The purpose of the Tree Committee is the management of trees on KMA common property and to inform and guide homeowners on the management of trees on their property.

Currently, no county permit, licensed forest operator or KMA Planning Committee approval is required for removal of trees up to 14" dbh (diameter breast height) for the creation of wildfire defensible space on homeowner properties. However, for reasons of safety and liability, KMA recommends a licensed forest operator be used for removal of all trees. For removal of trees larger than 14" dbh, or for any reason other than defensible space, see the revised KMA Rules and Standards Requirements for Tree Removal, dated 6/2022.

KMA will proceed with reduction of wildfire fuels this summer on common areas throughout the subdivision. We encourage all owners to do the same on their properties. Curbside chipping and a green waste dumpster will be available for disposal of tree limbs and debris. See the Requirements for Tree Removal for details.

A list of Licensed Timber Operators (LTO) currently available for work in KMA includes, but is not limited to:

Mike Jennings, Timber Ridge Clearing - (209) 625-7998

Trenton Northrup, Tree Defensible Space - (530) 307-2513

Rich Stevens - (916) 769-2921

Garrett Loos - (408) 898-6307

Please look at the trees on your property every year to avoid possible injury or damage to your home or neighbor's home. Identify suspected diseased, damaged or dangerous trees and have them removed. California tree law states the person on whose property the tree grows owns the tree and may be liable for damages suffered.

The Tree Committee budget for 2022-23 is \$30,000. This is an increase in anticipation of costs of reducing wildfire fuels on common area properties.

Please inform the Tree Committee of any trees of concern.

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