

SKAGIT RIVER WOODS  
**Tree Removal Policy and Procedure**

All trees are owned by the Club. Any and all proceeds from tree harvesting will be the property of the Club.

ARTICLE 10

CAMPSITE USE RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 2 Green belts, removal of trees and landscaping.

“No live trees in excess of three (3) inches in diameter, or vine maple trees in excess of one (1) inch in diameter may be removed without permission of the Board of Directors or designee. The members shall retain the right of appeal to the Board of Director’s of the Club.”

1. Proper paperwork (Request for Tree cutting form) will be filled out and turned in to caretaker/managers, emailed or placed in tube to office. Tree request forms are available on the SRW website or at the SRW office.
2. Trees will be clearly marked with an orange/pink ribbon or X.
3. Caretaker/managers will inspect trees and either grant permission or forward to the board for a decision.
4. Members are responsible for the removal/damage of/to all personal property during tree removal. Members must notify neighbors of potential damage from tree removal.
5. Members may be asked to remove/move trailers or other items from their camp site during logging season to prevent damage while removing trees in your area.
6. Trees may be denied removal to meet the long and short term objectives in the SRW forest stewardship plan. Members removing their own trees may do so during the off season Oct 1 – April 1, but will need special permission from the caretakers/managers to remove any tree during the main camping season April 1 – Oct 1.
7. Trees will be turned over to the club upon removal unless caretaker/managers specify otherwise
8. Cleanup of sites and greenbelts and any repairs of damages which occur as a result of tree removal will be done by the member requesting removal, no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.; i.e. RVs, structures, roads, water system, greenbelts and other member’s sites
9. Caretaker/managers are responsible for cleanup of blow downs that land on the roadways or in common areas such as lodge, meadow, center circles, etc. Blow downs in greenbelts will be dealt with on an individual basis.

## **Tree Removal – see “Tree Removal Chart”**

### **Overview:**

All of the trees on SRW club lands are the property of the club. With this comes a responsibility to manage all of the trees. The board of directors and the Caretakers work together to determine the best way to support the needs of the individual site owners while looking out for the interests of the club members as a whole. This guideline is designed to help define the process of managing the trees for the long-term enjoyment of club members.

### **Definitions:**

**Dangerous:** A tree determined by the caretakers and affirmed by the board to be an imminent physical risk or capable of causing severe property damage.

**Marketable:** A tree that has resalable value.

**Releasable:** A tree that is determined to be of no value in resale or as club wood. Or a tree that has been identified previously as club wood or marketable and was not removed during the previous Fall Logging Season when a removal request had been submitted and approved before October 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

**Greenbelt:** A tree that is standing in a common area or is determined to be within the required 5 foot greenbelt setback on each lot.

**Club Firewood:** A Tree that can be removed by the caretakers and used for the good of the club either as residence firewood or any other use for the benefit of the club.

### **Clarifications:**

**Greenbelts:** These areas are critical to the SRW experience and should remain generally untouched. If a tree in a greenbelt is part of the removal request it will be highly scrutinized and in most cases not approved. The SRW club must be Stewards of the land. This includes managing the health of the trees. From time to time this may include removal of some trees to improve the health of other trees. Removal of trees from greenbelt or common areas is permitted only if the removal of that tree improves the health of the surrounding trees.

**Circles:** In all cases except dangerous trees, removal from the center circle must be approved by the Caretakers, Board of Directors and majority of the site owners in that circle.

**Timeliness of removal:** Every effort must be taken to complete the tree removal requests in a timely manner. However weather and other factors may prevent removal within a single logging season. If a tree cannot be removed within a single season upon request it should be released to the site owner. A released tree becomes the property of that site owner, but cannot be removed or sold from SRW property, although wood from a released tree can be sold to another SRW member.