



Environmental Resources Department

**Application for Dune  
Vegetation Trimming Permit**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Filing an application is NOT authorization to commence any trimming or alteration; you must have all approved permits prior to starting work.
2. Complete the application and submit to the Environmental Resources Department or Building & Zoning Department. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
3. Within twenty (20) days after a complete application is received, the Environmental Resources Department will approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application, based on the standards set forth in the Land Development Code. Staff may contact you if more information is needed. You will be notified when the permit is ready to be picked up.
4. An inspection of the property may be necessary to evaluate the application. Please list any relevant site-specific information such as gate codes.
5. For assistance with this application, please contact the Environmental Resources Department at (772) 462-2526.

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/Location of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Tax ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site Specific Information (i.e. gate code): \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
License # \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Height of Vegetation/Height of Foliage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height to be Removed (ft): \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Finished Height: \_\_\_\_\_

## DUNE VEGETATION TRIMMING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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By signing this application, the Applicant and Contractor agree to comply with the following conditions of approval:

- 1) "Trimming" is defined as cutting branches and leaves to prune a healthy plant; not the complete defoliation or destruction of the plant.
- 2) Trimming is only permitted between March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Only plants greater than six feet (6') in height are permitted to be trimmed and no plant shall be cut to a height less than six feet (6') in height.
- 4) A maximum of one-third of the plant height or foliage surface area is permitted to be trimmed in a year. Trimming is allowed two times per year provided that no more than one-third of the plant height or foliage surface area is removed in that year.
- 5) Dead leaves and limbs protect sensitive understory plants and new growth from salt spray and shall not be removed unless a safety hazard.
- 6) Trimming that will result in a lighting violation of Sea Turtle Protection Regulations is strictly prohibited. Marine turtle mortality resulting from increased illumination may be considered a violation of Chapter 370.12 FS, and the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. Such a violation could subject the responsible party to prosecution by both the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with fines up to \$10,000.
- 7) The project must comply with all Federal and/or State permitting requirements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inquire and apply if additional permits are required. No trimming shall occur until all permits have been issued.
- 8) The Applicant shall contact the assigned Environmental Resources Department Planner two-weeks prior to trimming and one-week post-trimming to schedule a pre- and post-inspection.
- 9) The removal or destruction of beach dune vegetation, due to improper trimming is a violation of Section 6.00.00 of the Land Development Code and Sections 161.053 and 161.054 of the Florida Statute. Violations of St. Lucie County regulations may require mitigation and the applicant may not be permitted to trim the subsequent year. Violations of Florida Statute are a second degree misdemeanor and punishable by fines up to \$500 and \$10,000 a day, respectively.
- 10) This permit application is not valid unless signed. By signature, the Permittee confirms that all information is accurate and complete, and understands and accepts the conditions listed above. Any false statement or misrepresentation when applying for this permit may result in criminal charges and will result in revocation. By signing this permit application, the Applicant and Contractor agrees at all times to pay on behalf of and to save, hold, and keep harmless the County, its Officials, Employees, Agents, and Volunteers from all claims, liability, expenses, losses, costs, fines and damages, including attorney's fees, and causes of action of every kind and character against County by reason of any damage to property or the environment, or bodily injury (including death) incurred or sustained by any party hereto, or of any party acquiring any interest hereunder, any agent or employee of any party hereto or of any party acquiring an interest hereunder, and any third or other party whomsoever, or any governmental agency, arising out of or in incident to or in connection with the Applicant's and Contractor's performance, the condition of the premises, Applicant and Contractor's acts, or omissions or operations hereunder, or the performance, non-performance or purported performance of the Contractor of any breach of the terms of the Contract to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor and persons employed or utilized by the Applicant. The Permittee agrees by signing that they are responsible for all expenses and will not receive monetary compensation for work on County lands while operating under this permit.

**PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS NOTARIZED:**

I CERTIFY THAT: (CHECK ONE)

A.     ( )     I AM THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED  
PROPERTY AND WILL BE CONDUCTING THE WORK AS OWNER/BUILDER.

*Disclosure Statement: State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own contractor with certain restrictions even though you do not have a license. You must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction yourself. You may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. You may also build or improve a commercial building, provided your costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence must be for your own use or occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved for sale or lease. If you sell or lease a building you have built or substantially improved yourself within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption. You may not hire an unlicensed person to act as your contractor or to supervise people working on your building. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances. You may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done. Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your direct supervision and must be employed by you, which means that you must deduct F.I.C.A. and withholding tax and provide workers' compensation for that employee, all as prescribed by law. Your construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.*

B.     ( )     I AM NOT THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE  
DESCRIBED PROPERTY; HOWEVER, I HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT AS AGENT FOR THE  
OWNER OF RECORD. (St. Lucie County Code and Compiled Laws requires that this type of  
work be done by a licensed contractor. **PLEASE PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION**).

**I CERTIFY THAT I AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND ALL INFORMATION  
CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY  
KNOWLEDGE:**

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OWNER/ AGENT SIGNATURE  
STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE & LICENSE NO.  
STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged  
before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_,  
by \_\_\_\_\_,  
who is personally known to me or has produced  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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Signature of Notary  
Print Name of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Notary  
Print Name of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Number \_\_\_\_\_

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