

**LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OPERATING POLICIES**

Chapter 4: Restrictions & Requirements within Right-of-Way

4.6 Tree Tags

A “tree tag” is a specially printed sign to be attached to trees or large shrubs which are planted within LWDD’s right-of-way without a permit, and requiring removal of the tree or shrub within sixty (60) days.

4.6.1 Use

Any employee of LWDD may attach a tree tag to any incorrectly placed tree or shrub, provided the employee dates and signs the tag.

4.6.2 Action

LWDD is primarily funded with taxpayer dollars. In order to make efficient use of LWDD resources the tree tags will contain the following options:

- a. Upon receipt of the tree tag, if the violator cannot remove the tree or shrub, the violator can contact LWDD to remove the violation as a service to the violator, and LWDD shall assess the violator for the actual cost to LWDD.
- b. If the violator elects not to remove the violations (trees and shrubs) within the sixty (60) days, LWDD will proceed to cause compliance. In order to cause compliance and efficient operation and maintenance of the canal rights-of-way, LWDD will assess the violator for the actual cost to LWDD for clean up/removal of the violations. If the violator does not remit the clean up/removal costs for this matter, it will be turned over to LWDD Legal Department for collection including, but not limited to attorney’s fees, possible liens, court costs and administrative fees.
- c. If the violator removes the violation within the sixty (60) days of the tree tag, and the right-of-way is restored to its original or better condition the LWDD will consider the matter closed.

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SAMPLE NOTICE CARD

[Front Side of Card]

Dear Owner

PLEASE HELP ME!

I Have Been Planted in the Wrong Place

**Lake Worth Drainage District
[LWDD]**

[Back Side of Card]

Dear Landowner:

It appears that you have mistakenly
planted this tree within LWDD's
Canal Right-of-Way, which is to remain clear.
Please replant this tree on your property outside of LWDD's
Right-of-Way within _____ days of the date of this notice.
If this tree is not replanted by you within the time specified,
It will be removed by LWDD.

Date of Notice: _____

By: _____

Phone:
561-498-5363 or 561-737-3835