



TEHALEH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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HAZARD-DANGER TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

The hazard and danger tree guidelines provide a means to identify and abate hazards from trees that may have the potential to fail. They are intended to provide consistent direction for hazard tree identification and abatement by TOA in cooperation with a professional tree specialist.

TOA member concern over individual trees is generally the trigger to address a potential hazard/danger tree. A TOA member that has a concern regarding a potentially hazardous tree should contact TOA's management staff. Staff will then contact the professional tree specialist for an evaluation of the tree. This professional will provide a written report of the condition of the questionable tree, including timing and methods of abatement of the potential hazard; included in this report, an estimated cost for the abatement and falling and/or removal of the hazardous tree.

During the site inspection of potential hazard/danger trees, the tree professional will determine whether a loss from failure of a tree could be expected. Failure is the mechanical breakage of a tree in whole or just parts of the tree. These failures often result from the interaction of defects, weather factor, snow and ice loading, or exposure to wind events. Defects are flaws in the tree which reduce the structural strength and integrity of the tree. Trees may have more than one defect which is impacting the condition of the tree, which at times are easy to identify and other defects are internal and more difficult to observe. Trees that show an immediate danger shall be documented and addressed as quickly as possible.

All Tehaleh common areas are regulated by Pierce County and falling or removal of trees in the open space tracts, buffers and alleés requires approval from Pierce County, typically prior to any action being taken. All professional tree specialist recommendations will comply with Countywide Design Standards and Guidelines – Pierce County Code 18J.15.130.C.4 for Danger, Hazard, and Diseased Trees.

Please contact TOA management staff with any concerns you may have regarding danger trees.