

Lockwood Folly is a community of trees. Frequently, trees die or begin to lean and become a hazard to your property or someone else's. Any dead tree that stands within reach of buildings or roadways is a hazard and should be removed. If such a tree is on POA common property, the POA will remove it. If it stands on a private lot, it is the lot owner's responsibility to remove it. Please refer to the following procedures if you are concerned about a problem tree.

Procedures to Follow if You Encounter a Potentially Dangerous Tree

1. Please notify the director of Grounds & Maintenance at grounds@lockwoodfollypoa.org of any potentially dangerous trees, either alive or dead
2. The POA will remove dead trees and trim live trees on POA common property when necessary
3. If a tree located on adjacent private property poses a threat to your property, please follow these steps:
 - a. Notify the director in charge of Grounds Maintenance grounds@lockwoodfollypoa.org
 - b. The property owner with the problem tree must be notified by you, the adjacent property owner
 - c. A review must be conducted to confirm the tree poses a threat. This may be done by the POA grounds director or may require a professional opinion about the tree's health
 - i. The tree should be dying, dead or leaning. Healthy trees typically will not be deemed a threat
 - ii. The tree must be in proximity to adjacent property owner assets that may be damaged if it falls
 - d. The property owner with the tree is responsible for its removal. The POA will assist in arranging removal, if requested. If the property owner refuses to remove a hazardous tree:
 - i. The complainant must send the owner a registered letter stating that the tree poses a hazard and the documentation steps taken. Absent this letter, the complainant will be responsible for any damages to his property, which will be deemed "an act of God" and has no claim against the tree owner.
 - ii. Upon receipt of the registered letter, the tree owner will be responsible for all damages to the complainant's property, and may be subject to legal action in the case of injury
 - iii. In the case that a tree poses an imminent safety threat, the POA may have it removed and charge any costs to the property owner
4. Unless a tree on private property poses an imminent safety threat, the POA has no authority to remove it and the steps outlined above must be followed