

# Botanica LAKES

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## Palm Tree Pruning Standards

This document outlines the homeowners responsibility in the proper maintenance of Palm Trees located on the homeowners property within the Community.

Most homes in the Community have either three Sabal Palms or three Queen Palms planted in the front of their homes. In addition, most homes have a triple trunked Pygmy Date Palm located in their front planter.

As part of the contracted Landscape Services package, this palm will be pruned by our vendor until the trees reach 12 feet in height from ground level. **Once the trees are over 12 feet in height, it becomes the homeowner's responsibility to prune and maintain the trees in compliance with our community standards.**

## Palm Tree Maintenance Standards:

All palms in the community must be pruned on a regular basis to maintain an attractive appearance.

Pruning requires the removal of completely dead/brown palm fronds, half dead or discolored lower leaves.

Flower and Flower stalks should also be removed on a timely basis. Removal of young flower stalks prevents the production and drop of messy fruit that can eventually sprout into unwanted seedlings. Removal of small flower stalks is also easier than the removal of heavy clusters of fruit.

## Educational Resources for Palm Tree Maintenance:

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/documents/palms.pdf>

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/EP/EP44300.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tt76hXRHBoA&t=2s>

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