



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING EXEMPT MANGROVE TRIMMING

To be eligible for an exemption from a Department permit to perform Mangrove trimming, you must own or control the upland property perpendicular to the riparian mangrove fringe (*see below*) that adjoins the shoreline. If your property shoreline is 150' or greater, you may only trim up to 65% of the mangroves along the shoreline under an exemption.

Riparian Mangrove Fringe

Are the mangroves on an uninhabited island, public conservation/preservation area, or established mitigation area? Or, does the mangrove fringe at any point exceed 50' in width/depth as measured perpendicular to the shore?

Yes: (*Not in a Riparian Mangrove Fringe*) If allowable, a DEP permit would be required to trim these mangroves.

If No, Continue...

Are there any mangroves >24' in height?

Yes: If allowable, a DEP permit would be required to trim these mangroves

If No, Continue...

Has this area been previously trimmed? and, Do you have Documentation of permit or historical\maintenance configuration?

Yes: Reestablish previous, documented configuration. Employ a PMT (*see below*) if there are any mangroves over 10' in height. Please call the Department for further information prior to commencement.

If No, Continue...

Professional Mangrove Trimmers (PMT)

Are there any mangroves 16' or greater in height?

Yes: The trimming must be conducted or supervised by a PMT. The trimming must be conducted in stages so that no more than 25% of the foliage is removed annually. If any Red Mangrove trees are to be trimmed, the Department must be notified at least 10 days in advance.

If No, Continue...

Are there any mangroves 10' or greater in height?

Yes: The trimming must be conducted by a PMT. If any Red Mangrove trees are to be trimmed, the Department must be notified at least 10 days in advance. The mangroves may not be trimmed to less than 6 feet as measured from the substrate.

If No, there are no Mangroves over 10' in height.

The hiring of a PMT is optional. The mangroves that are subject to be trimmed may not be reduced to less than 6 feet, as measured from the substrate.

Excluded Activities:

Mangroves shall not be removed, defoliated, or destroyed. No herbicide or other chemical will be used for the purpose of removing leaves of a mangrove.

Note: This form is provided as a general guideline to the exempt activities as defined in Florida Statutes. [ref: 403.9321-403.9333, F.S.]

Please call the Department prior to conducting any mangrove trimming activities.