



LAKESHORE PLANT PRUNING RULES

When the community was developed, swamp grass and thalia were planted along our lake to comply with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The plants are there to promote lake health and prevent shore erosion.

Swamp grass is a low growing plant. On the other hand, thalia grows in dense patches and can become 10-feet tall. Its growth can sometimes obscure lakes.

The Board is concerned with lake health and erosion issues. At the same time, they desire to maximize the beautiful views our lake was meant to provide. After consulting with experts, the Board enacts these pruning rules for residents who wish to prune behind their property.

Thalia:

1. It must be cut. ***DO NOT pull or dig it out!***
2. Cut it ***no shorter than one (1) foot tall.***
3. Clippings must be disposed of on horticulture trash day. ***DO NOT release it into the lake!***
4. ***Before cutting, you must inform*** the Lake Maintenance Committee Chairperson (LMCC), or the management company who will inform the LMCC. This is for tracking purposes.
5. It ***can only be cut one (1) time a year.*** Whatever month you do it the first time, should be the same month you do it next time. In unusual circumstances, a month either-way exception ***may*** be granted by the LMCC or the Board of Directors.

Swamp grass:

- ***No pruning or removal*** of swamp grass is authorized by the homeowners.

All other shrubbery:

- All other shrubbery can be cut or removed entirely. ***Before cutting or removing,*** review your plan with the LMCC.

Helpful tips:

- Pruning is easiest when lake levels are lowest (January – March).
- Do not ‘feed’ the shore plants. Maintain a 10-foot ‘chemical-free’ zone around the lake. Eliminating fertilizer and pet waste reduces growth rates, and improves lake water quality.