

Afton Village Homeowners Association  
Tree Policy

*Adopted by the AVHOA Board on April 12, 2021*

The presence of mature shade trees greatly enriches life in Afton Village. They provide natural beauty, shade for our homes, shelter for our wildlife, natural noise reduction, and cleaner air - all of which increase the attractiveness and value of our neighborhood.

The Afton Village Homeowners Association therefore adopts as our stated policy, our commitment to the protection and sustainability of mature shade trees throughout Afton Village. To fulfill this commitment, we will:

- Encourage planting of new trees to fill open areas.
- Encourage responsible maintenance to ensure viability and safety.
- Discourage use of damaging chemicals in the root zones of trees.
- Discourage needless removal of trees.
- Require all deed restricted activities (demolition, construction, walkways, driveways, fences, walls, etc.) to follow best practices\* to protect trees (including their root zones).
- Establish and maintain a partnership with the City of Houston to mutually support tree protection efforts.

It is our intention to fully utilize the authority granted under our Deed Restrictions and Bylaws to accomplish these objectives.

\* "best practices" shall be defined as guidance contained in the USDA Forest Service publication "Tree Owner's Manual" (NA-FR-01-10, July 2010, or other similar references as the Board may designate.

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/sites/default/files/tree\\_owners\\_manual\\_print\\_res.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/sites/default/files/tree_owners_manual_print_res.pdf)