

# Mangrove Trimming in Miami-Dade County

Miami-Dade County  
Regulatory and Economic Resources  
Division of Environmental Resources Management  
(DERM)

# Coastal Resources Section

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Jurisdiction: Work in, on, over, or upon tidal waters and coastal wetlands and mangrove trimming or cutting

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Types of Projects: docks, marinas, seawalls, dredging, filling, mangrove trimming/alteration



# Mangrove Delegation - November 1995

Mangrove Trimming & Preservation Act –  
Chapter 403, Florida Statutes,  
Environmental Control

s. 403.9324 (l) – statutory provisions  
shall be the sole regulations for the state  
to follow to regulate trimming and  
alteration of mangroves

Memorandum of Agreement  
(MOA) between DERM and  
FDEP

Reporting Requirements  
(Annual Reports)

Responsibilities of both  
agencies FDEP & DERM  
(reporting, training, etc.)

# When do I need a Class I Permit for mangrove trimming?

## Permit Required

- For alteration
- For dredge and fill activities in coastal wetlands
- For work not qualifying for the exemptions contained within ss. 403.9326, F.S.

Permitting decisions are made on a case-by-case basis pursuant to the evaluation factors contained in Section 24-48 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

## Exemptions

- CH 403.813 Florida Statutes (F.S.)
- CH 373.406 F.S.



# Submitting a Class I Permit Application

In order to open a Class I permit application, the following items are required to be submitted:

- Class I permit application signed by the upland riparian property owner.
- Set of plans or sketches with sufficient detail to identify the proposed scope of work.
- Application fee.

Note that while the property owner is not required to be listed as the applicant on the Class I permit application, consent from the upland riparian property owner and the submerged lands owner must be obtained in order to obtain the Class I permit.



# Permitting Process

## Property History

- Permitting history, restrictive covenants, conservation easements, mitigation areas, Mangrove Protection Area

## Biological Assessment

- Document existing site conditions

## Purpose of Proposed Work

- Navigation, access to a dock, slip clearance, view corridor

## Consistency with Section 24-48 of the Miami-Dade County Code and Comprehensive Development Master Plan

## Mitigation

- Cannot be used to make an otherwise non-permittable project permittable



# Requirements of Miami-Dade County Professional Mangrove Trimmer (PMT)

## *Who qualifies as a PMT?*

Certified Arborists

Professional Wetland Scientists

Certified Environmental Professionals

Certified Ecologists

People licensed under part II of Chapter 481

People who can demonstrate sufficient level of competence

People passing a qualification or certification program developed by a delegated local government



PROVIDE 10-DAY PRIOR  
NOTICE IN WRITING



PROVIDE PERSONAL,  
ON-SITE SUPERVISION AT  
ALL TIMES WHILE WORK  
IS BEING PERFORMED



NOTIFY DERM WITHIN 24  
HOURS IF MANGROVES  
ARE ALTERED



# Questions?

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