

Ridgeview at Sweetwater Hills Homeowner's Association, Inc.

Rules and Regulations

Property Owners Use of River Park Burn Piles

Ridgeview at Sweetwater Hill's wooded environment and natural forces create conditions for downed trees and dead wood to accumulate on the roadways and lots. The Homeowner's Association Board of Directors has adopted the following regulations allowing Members to use the burn piles in River Park on a limited basis. The intent is to encourage all property owners to maintain their lots by providing a place to dispose of downed trees, diseased or damaged trees and broken limbs.

1. Property owners may add dead wood from downed, diseased or damaged trees, and woody brush to the burn piles in River Park. Old Christmas trees are also allowed since they can help to start a burn.
2. Property owners shall contact the River Park chair for guidance on an appropriate location when they plan to dispose of large branches that would require vehicle access to River Park. Property owners shall obtain approval before proceeding.
3. Property owners who hire contractors for such work shall require the contractor to remove larger sections that may have mill value offsite. Smaller diameter trunks and branches that do not have mill value shall be cut to manageable size logs before adding to the River Park burn piles.
4. Property owners shall not drive into River Park to add the above materials to the burn piles when the ground is wet and their vehicle would create ruts.
5. Property owners shall not add stumps, lumber, trash, weeds, or other burnable material to these piles.
6. Lot owners who are building a new home are not allowed to use the burn piles in River Park to dispose of timber from clearing their lots for construction.
7. Property owners should grind or remove stumps left after removing any damaged trees to create an attractive surface that can be covered with lawn or landscaped.
8. The River Park chair shall organize periodic events with Ridgeview volunteers to burn such piles. He/she will obtain an online burn permit. Individuals who want to volunteer at other times shall notify the River Park chair to ensure that their efforts are beneficial. No individuals shall work in River Park without prior approval of the River Park chair.
9. No materials from outside the subdivision may be deposited in River Park.
10. These regulations will continue in effect as long as the property owners comply.
11. The HOA Board may close River Park to such use at any time burn piles are no longer needed or if they are being misused.

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