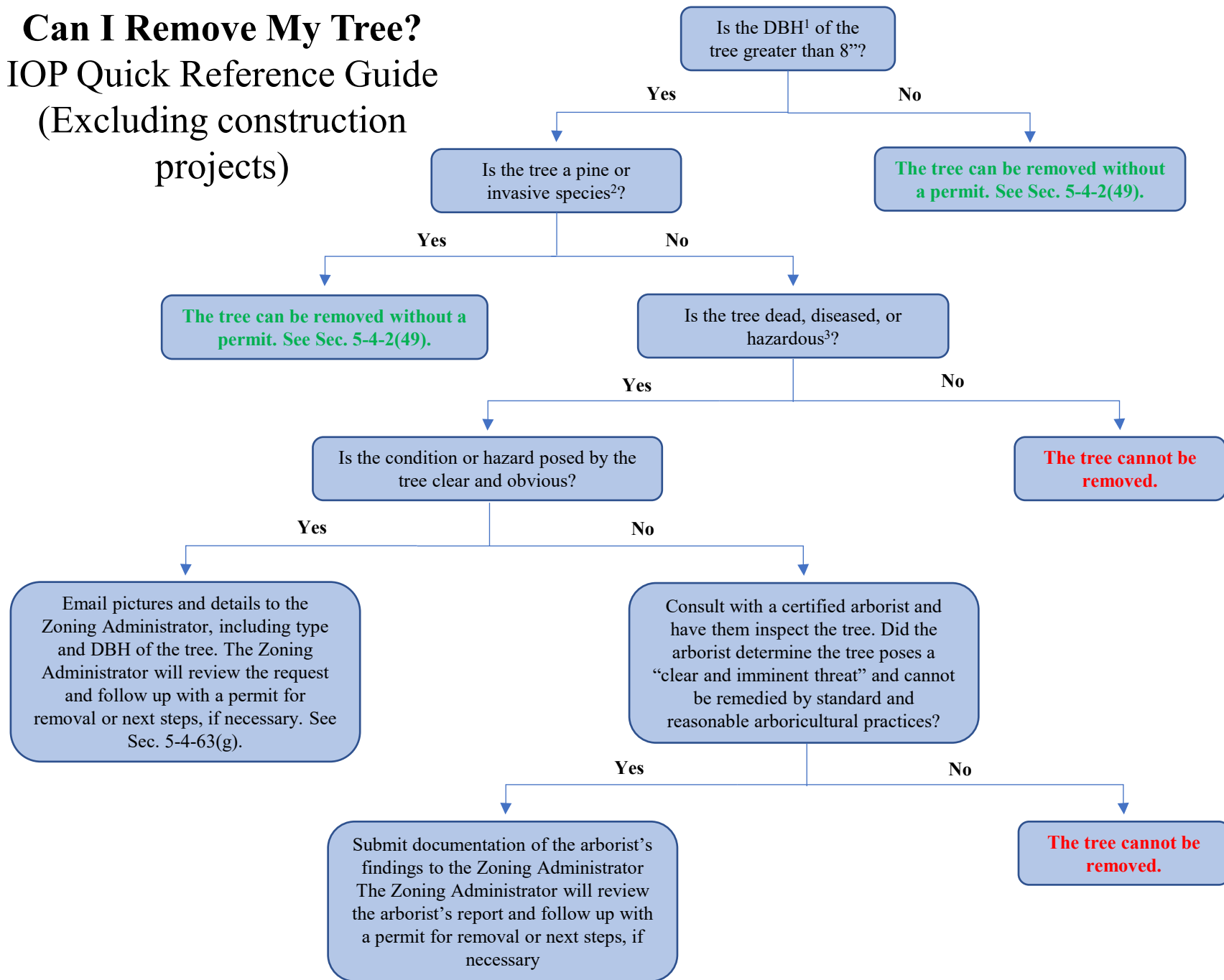


Can I Remove My Tree?

IOP Quick Reference Guide

(Excluding construction projects)



¹Diameter at breast height (DBH) means the diameter of a tree trunk, measured in inches, at four and one-half (4½) feet above the existing grade of the property. If a tree has a multi-trunk split above grade, the DBH is deemed to be the sum of all trunks of the tree measured in inches, at four and one-half (4½) feet above the existing grade of the property.

²Invasive species refers to any invasive pest species included in "Invasive Plant Pest Species of South Carolina," published by Clemson Extension. This publication can be found here: https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/plant-pest-regulations/state-plant-pest-information/pests_list.html

³Hazardous means any tree that is causing structural damage or poses a clear and imminent threat of structural damage, as determined in writing by a certified arborist, to an enclosed area of a primary building, including porches, or any other permanent accessory structure that would require a building permit, or a septic tank system. The term does not include trees causing structural damage or threatening structural damage to accessory structures that would not require a building permit or to any unenclosed areas of primary buildings. See Sec. 5-4-63 of the City's code for more information.

***Palm trees are not subject to the same requirements. Palms may be removed with a permit but require mitigation either through replacement or paying into the City's tree fund, equal to \$350 per palm removed. The replacement palms must be at least 12' in height at the time of planting.**

***Any tree may be pruned without a tree permit so long as such pruning is done in accordance with ANSI Publication A300 (Part 1) 2001 Pruning.**

