

## FACILITIES, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

**POLICY: 8008 Tree Removal**

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### **BOARD POLICY**

Each campus shall establish and maintain a tree management plan so that trees are not unnecessarily removed. Cutting of trees in order to fulfill the requirements of the campus facilities master plan is authorized, but needless and destructive removal of tree cover is prohibited.

The following requirements shall apply to this tree removal policy:

1. This policy is applicable to all land owned and managed by the Board of Trustees.
2. The President of each college is to appoint a campus representative who will be responsible for reviewing all plans affecting trees, coordinating tree removal, and replacement wherever and whenever it occurs on campus.
3. Projects affecting the Arboretum on each campus must have the approval of the President of the institution.
4. Projects affecting landscape spaces and frontages on campus grounds must have the approval of the Campus President or his/her designee.
5. Trees causing hazardous conditions, dead trees or those required to be removed for emergency reasons are exempt from this policy.
6. Trees and shrubs removed by thinning or other approved management practices to improve the growth or habitat conditions will be excluded from the replanting guidelines, provided such removal is covered in the college's tree management plan.
7. The tree management plan should include an inventory of trees that include the location, species and numbers as appropriate. Information on pruning, fertilization, disease control, insect control and irrigation should be considered in the tree management plan.
8. For each tree removed, a tree of equal or greater value at maturity will be replanted on the State College campus.
9. Replacement of planted trees will be repeated as necessary to achieve a 100% survival rate at the end of three years.
10. Each State College will maintain a record by fiscal year of trees removed and replaced.
11. Landscaping, tree removal and tree replacement will be addressed in project program statements. Details on tree removal and tree replacement will be included in the schematic design and design development reports for construction projects.