

HORSESHOE BEND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

TIMBER HARVESTING GUIDELINES

The property owners of Horseshoe Bend have a significant investment in the area. The value and enjoyment that each landowner gains from his property depends in part on the actions of his neighbors. The Association feels strongly that all property owners should follow the guidelines listed below in order to protect their own property values and those of other property owners of Horseshoe Bend.

- I. Refer to Article X, Paragraph 16, Page 15 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Horseshoe Bend.
- II. In conjunction with the use of a professional forester, the landowner should put into any harvesting contract stipulations that will:
 - a) Control possible erosion damages and stipulate measures that will be done to control that damage (i.e., planting grass).
 - b) Control any damage that could occur to natural springs or waterway that feed into the lake. Suggest that trees and vegetation be left growing within fifty (50) feet of the water.
 - c) Require that property boundary lines be flagged so that trees will not fall on neighbor's property and that heavy equipment will not operate on neighboring property.
 - d) Require that cuttings not be made when soil conditions are such that extensive damage will be done when heavy equipment is to be used on the property (i.e., in extremely wet weather).
 - e) Require that machinery use as few paths through the timber as is possible and that skidders not drag more than two trees at a time in order to minimize damage to the surrounding trees.
 - f) Require that the owners of the property be present when cutting is done in order to protect their interest and, possibly, require that the forester also be in attendance.
 - g) Minimize damage to surrounding trees by the use of forestry equipment. The landowner may want to stand trees back up that are leaning over or trim damaged limbs off. Deformed trees can be removed.
 - h) Facilitate clean up of the property after the harvest. Be sure to consult with the forester regarding the best way to handle clean up; they can usually make arrangements.

- III. Please refrain from removing all of any one species of trees, such as pine and all hardwood. Please be protective of dogwood, holly or any unusual species that may be on your property.
- IV. "Control burns" require special permits from local authorities and really should be avoided for your own personal liability protection.
- V. Before burning brush, please refer to Article X, Paragraph 19, Page 16 of the Declaration. A safe way to burn is on a non-windy day when a space of three to five feet has been cleared around the brush pile and there is a water hose available for controlling the fire.
THE LANDOWNER MUST BE PRESENT WHEN BRUSH IS BURNED.
- VI. When cutting near a neighbor's property line, please consider leaving a fifty-foot undisturbed barrier.
- VII. In the event as much as fifty percent (50%) of the property's timber is cut, please refrain from any additional cutting until the trees mature (not less than 15 years).
- VIII. The landowner should submit a plan to the Board of Directors before cutting or harvesting timber.
- IX. The Board of Directors must review and approve all timber harvesting plans and the choice of a forester to be used prior to the harvest.
- X. Horseshoe Bend Homeowners Association may retain a graduate independent forester to provide a second opinion before approving requests for timber cutting.