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RE: Norfolk Island Pine (or Norfolk Pine)

Dear Homeowner,

Even though Norfolk Island pines are remarkably salt-tolerant, they have a weak link: Very low temperatures (30 to 32 degrees Fahrenheit) can cause the growing tips to die and abort. Worse still, temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit can cause severe freeze damage and be fatal to the tree.

With our recent freeze, many of our trees did not survive. One of the species of trees that did not survive is the Norfolk Pine. Unfortunately, this species of tree is a soft wood tree and once dead, can decay and become very brittle very quickly. This makes this tree susceptible to shedding branches and possibly falling in heavy winds once the dead tree has reached this brittle state. Additionally, as the Norfolk Pine can grow quite tall (approximately 100 feet), they become quite difficult to scale for removal once they have become brittle after dying.

We have noticed that you have a Norfolk Island Pine tree, or trees, on your property and strongly urge you to have the trees examined by a qualified tree expert and if necessary, have the tree removed and properly disposed of before the tree becomes a fall hazard to your, or your neighbor's, property.

This has been an unfortunate circumstance and we feel badly for our Homeowners who lost valuable landscaping in the freeze; however, we feel that this is an important matter that requires your attention.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should there be any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the POA Management Staff.

Sincerely,

Gary Klepperich, CMCA, AMS, PCAM
Executive Director
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