

# DEFINITIONS and LINKS

## Tampa Municipal Code: Chapter 27 – Zoning and Land Development

[Section 27-43](#) - Complete list of definitions in Section 27-43

[Section 27-284.1.1](#) - City Tree Matrix; technical standards; authority to establish, publish, and adopt.

[Section 27-284.1.2](#) - Trees—Protected, grand, and exempt trees; measurement methods.

**Diameter at Breast Height (DBH):** The diameter of a tree trunk measured at four and one-half (4 ½) feet above existing grade. (See diagrams below)

**Exempt trees:** Exempt trees do not require a permit for removal and must adhere to the requirements in Sec. 27-284.1.2. (d)(1): All Category I species; (d)(2): All Category II species; and (d)(3): Camphor Trees

**Grand tree:** A species of tree and its root system, with crown spread, and DBH of at least thirty-two (32) inches, and a condition rating of "A", "B", or "C," as set forth in section 27-284.1.1, which are of the identity, size, and character, as set forth in section 27-284.1. Any tree designated as a Challenger or Champion tree by the State of Florida is considered a grand tree.

**Condition rating of tree roots, tree trunk, tree limbs/branch structure, twigs, and foliage:**

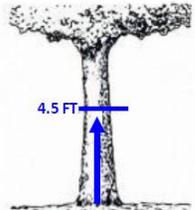
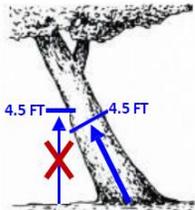
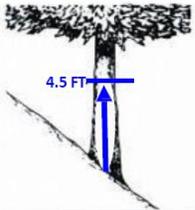
**A=** Excellent/No apparent problem    **B=** Good/Minor problem    **C=** Fair/Major problem

**Mitigation tree:** A tree, selected from the city's tree matrix in section 27-284.1.1 (link above), which is planted as a replacement tree or contributed to the tree trust fund of the applicable **planning district** ([section 27-20](#)), in the form of a tree mitigation payment. Refer to sections [27-284.4](#) through [27-284.4.2](#), for the tree mitigation method.

**Protected tree:** Any mitigation tree; any mangrove species; any cypress species; and any non-“exempt” tree species that measures five (5) inches or greater DBH. Refer to section 27-284.1.2.

**Specimen tree:** A species of tree and its root system, with crown spread, and DBH of at least twenty- four (24) inches, which are of the identity, size, and character set forth in Section 27-284.1.2.

## GUIDE TO MEASURING TREES (DBH)

<p><b>284.1.2-4: Straight Tree, on land with minimal-to-no slope</b></p>	<p><b>284.1.2-B: Sloped Tree, on land with minimal-to-no slope</b></p>	<p><b>284.1.2-C: Straight Tree, on sloped land</b></p>
		
<p><b>284.1.2-D: Low-branching tree, on land with minimal-to-no slope</b></p>		<p><b>284.1.2-E: Multi-stemmed trunk, on land with Minimal-to-do slope</b></p>
