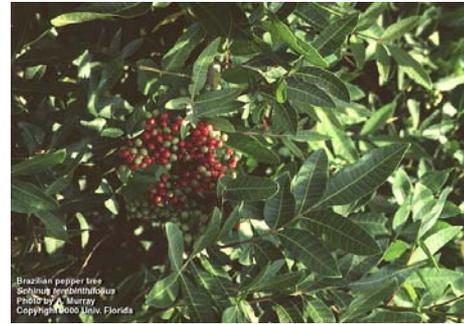


# Brazilian Pepper Removal

## 5 Things Every Property Owner Should Know



### 1. A Permit may be required.

Permit requirements vary according to whether the property is developed or vacant and whether Brazilian pepper will be cleared using hand-held equipment or heavy machinery. Permits are issued by the City's Planning Department. You may obtain the permit yourself or authorize your contractor to do so.

Property	Equipment	
	Hand-held	Heavy Machinery
Developed	No Permit Required	Development Permit
Undeveloped	Vegetation Permit	Development Permit

### 2. In order to successfully control Brazilian pepper, all Brazilian pepper tree stumps MUST be treated with an appropriate herbicide.

In most cases, a product containing the active ingredient **triclopyr** is the best choice for controlling Brazilian pepper; however, the method of application may vary depending on the maturity of the pepper being treated. **Mature** trees should be cut as close to the ground as possible. **Within 5 minutes**, herbicide should be applied to the cambium (living tissue just inside the bark). This is known as "cut stump" application. In some cases, mature trees that are not visible from adjacent properties, roadways, or other structures may be treated by "basal bark" application (killing the tree in place). Small **seedlings and re-sprouts** may be treated with either basal bark or foliar treatments.

### 3. The State of Florida requires professionals that apply ANY pesticide (including herbicides) as part of their job to be certified to do so.

A contractor hired to remove and treat Brazilian pepper must have a City Vegetation Competency Card AND an Herbicide Applicator's license/certification from the State of Florida. A list of Contractors that meet these requirements is available from the Natural Resources Department.

### 4. Brazilian pepper debris must either be removed completely and hauled away or chipped on site.

Stumps do not have to be removed as long as they have been cut flush to the ground. **Pepper debris to be picked up by Waste Pro MUST be placed neatly** within 6 ft of the curb by 6:30 AM on your regular yard waste day and MUST be less than 4 ft in length and less than 50 lbs per container, plastic bag, or tied bundle. Brazilian pepper mulch can be used for landscaping; however, if the mulch contains berries it should be allowed to sit and compost (thus killing the seeds) for at least 28 days before spreading.

### 5. Even when treated properly, some Brazilian pepper is likely to re-sprout and new seedlings may appear.

It is highly recommended that your entire property be inspected and retreated for any new seedlings or re-sprouts within 3 months of the initial treatment and every 6 months thereafter. If this is not done, more extensive and expensive pepper removal work can be expected.