



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



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DENR Administrative Order
No. 2026- 06

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES IN THE CUTTING, GATHERING, COLLECTION
AND/OR REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN RESIDENTIAL LOTS**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 705, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, P.D. No. 953 (Requiring the Planting of Trees and Penalizing Unauthorized Cutting, Destruction, Damaging and Injuring of Certain Trees and Vegetation), R.A. No. 11032 (Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act), Executive Order (E.O.) No. 23, series of 2011 (Declaring a Moratorium on the Cutting and Harvesting of Timber in the Natural and Residual Forests and Creating the Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force), the following rules and regulations governing the cutting and removal of trees within residential lots are hereby promulgated.

Section 1. Basic Policy. It is the policy of the State to protect and advance a balanced and healthy ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature through the promotion of sustainable management and development of natural resources thereby ensuring the continuous wood supply for the present and future generation.

Section 2. Objectives. This Order aims to provide clear guidelines and uniform procedure across DENR Field Offices in the cutting, gathering, collection and/or removal of trees within residential lots.

Section 3. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall cover the cutting, gathering, collection and/or removal of trees within parcels of land zoned as residential.

Section 4. Permit Exemption. No permit shall be required for the cutting, gathering, collecting and/or removing of not more than two (2) trees within a residential lot. Provided that there is a prior notice to the concerned DENR CENRO/Implementing PENRO/RED in case of NCR. The prescribed template of the notice is attached as Annex A of this Order.

Section 5. Transport Documents. Notwithstanding Section 5, any logs and/or tree derivatives transported outside the residential lot shall be accompanied by a corresponding transport permit in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Logs and/or tree derivatives that will only be utilized within the residential lot shall not need any permit.



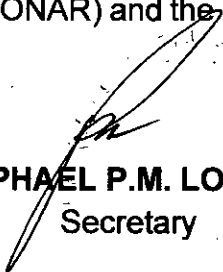
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Section 6. Separability Clause. If any part or section of this Order shall be declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts of this Order.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. All orders, circulars and/or instructions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing of three (3) certified copies hereof with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) and the UP Law Center.


RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA
Secretary



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ANNEX A.

Notification for the Cutting and Removal of Trees within Residential Lot

Please complete all the details in the space provided. Indicate N/A if not applicable.

SECTION I. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Residential Lot Owner:
Mailing Address:
E-mail:
Contact No.:

SECTION II. TREE CUTTING ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Complete Address where cutting/removal will be conducted:
No. of Trees to be cut/removed:

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME