The City of Indian Wells is providing this informational guide to the public about best practices for maintenance and trimming of palm trees. Always consult a professional.
**01 Date Palm**

Phoenix dactylifera is commonly referred to as the date palm.

Date palms bear date fruit which are oval-cylindrical and can be anywhere from 1.2-2.8 inches long. Date palms have bigger crowns which makes them at a higher risk of crown failure (toppling).

Date Palms typically reach about 69-75 feet in height and have a life span of 80 years.

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**02 Date Palm Tree Trimming Comparison**

**Correct**

- Trim once a year in early Summer.
- Trim all green fronds no more than 9 to 3 as compared to a clock face.

**Incorrect**

- Over trimming will damage the palm.
- Fallen date fruit cause a nuisance with staining and vector.

**Deadline to trim is June 30**

**Violation**
Two Types:

Washingtonia Filifera aka California Fan Palm can grow up to 60 feet tall and have a thicker trunk.

Washingtonia Robusta aka Mexican Fan Palm can grow on average up to 80-100 feet and have a thinner trunk.

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**Correct**

- Trim once a year in early Summer.
- Trim green fronds no more than 10:00 to 2:00 as compared to a clock face.

**Incorrect**

- Over trimming will damage the palm.
- Overgrown and dead fronds in addition to white flowering seeds create a nuisance.

Deadline to trim is July 30
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Key Signs of Potential Palm Tree Failure:

- Crown or head tilting
- Extreme Frond Die Back
- Pencil Neck
- Deteriorating Trunk

Dead Palm Trees
RECOMMENDED WATERING FOR DATE PALMS:

New Date Palms (First Three Years)
- Summer 350 gallons per week
- Winter 200 gallons per week

Established Date Palms (More than Three Years)
- Summer 225 gallons per week
- Winter 150 gallons per week

RECOMMENDED WATERING FOR WASHINGTONIA PALMS:

New Washingtonia Palms (First Two Years)
- Summer 225 gallons per week
- Winter 100 gallons per week

Established Washingtonia Palms (More than Two Years)
- Summer 150 gallons per week
- Winter 75 gallons per week