Due to the high risk of damage caused by the trees’ extensive root network, we advise you to remove these trees from your garden.

**Who to contact?**

While many landscaping companies provide this service, those listed below are offering a special discount during this campaign and may be contacted as follows:

Orient Irrigation Services - 04 297 2700
Opal Landscaping LLC - 04 370 6474

This discounted rate is only available during the 2014 Arabian Ranches and Emirates Living ‘Say No to Damas trees’ campaign.

**Estimated cost**

It might cost you up to AED 750 per tree for its complete removal and disposal but just look at the costs you could incur you don’t get rid of them now!

- **Cost to repair drainage pipes**
  From AED 750 to AED 3,500 (approx)

- **Cost to repair villa boundary wall**
  AED 328 per square metre (approx)

- **Cost to reinstate damaged interlocks**
  AED 125 per square metre (approx)

- **Cost to replant shrubs**
  From AED 50 to AED 70 per square metre (approx)

- **Impact on DEWA water bills**
  Residents have seen 50% to 1,000% spikes!

*All costs are approximate, based on market rates from local service providers*

The ‘Say No to Damas trees’ campaign runs as an initiative from ECM to encourage residents to remove these trees. Join the campaign and share your experience with us by email, with ‘before’ and ‘after’ images, at communities@ecm.ae

**How do I tell if it’s a Damas tree?**

Look out for these in your gardens.

![Damas tree images]

**Special offer**

During this campaign, our registered landscaping companies are pleased to provide a highly discounted rate for the cutting, removal, disposal and free replacement of Damas (Conocarpus) trees planted on your property.

We encourage you to take advantage of these discounts and rid yourself of the potential risk to your villa.

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Be cautious of Conocarpus!

Fast growing, inexpensive and green all year round, Conocarpus lancifolius or erectus, commonly known as Damas (Conocarpus) trees, line gardens throughout our community.

However, few realise the long term risks associated with these trees. But just ask them and many residents will share their terrible experiences of exhorbitant monthly utility bills, due to errant tree roots breaking into pipes wasting litres of water, massive cracks in house and villa boundaries walls and broken interlock pathways. These are just a few of the awful situations residents have faced.

ECM encourages complete removal of these trees due to the risk of extensive damage being caused to underground services, homes and surrounding landscaped areas. Contact your gardener to request quotes for removal; which is preferred over hard trimming due to the invasive nature of the roots and the long term potential for damage caused by mature trees.

The risks of having a Damas Tree in your garden

Pipes, walls, pathways, drains, pools, shrubs – nothing is safe when a Damas tree is near. While they are excellent for screening purposes, they have created havoc in our community as their far ranging roots seek water, preventing anything else from growing nearby. Tales of broken pipes, enormous utility bills, damaged walls, root-clogged drains and leaf-filled pools abound. The culprit? Most often: Damas trees.

You could substitute the Damas trees in your garden with:

For green, leafy trees that provide shade, use:
- Azadirachta indica (Neem)
- Millingtonia hortensis
- Pongamia glabra

For flowering trees, use:
- Delonix regia
- Cassia fistula
- Tabubeia rosea

For dense hedges to protect your privacy (maximum height 2.5 m), you can use:
- Clerodendrum inerme
- Thevetia peruviana
- Jatropha pandurifolia