



Topic: Where not to Plant Royal Palms (*Roystonea regia*)

Question: Do you think it is a wise choice to plant Royal Palms close to a property line and close to a house?

- Roger, email

Answer: No, these are not wise decisions. Even if planted four or five feet from the property line, the palm fronds are sure to encroach above and over the dividing line. Present and future neighbors may not appreciate the fallen fronds which will surely fall onto their property. These fronds are long, heavy and are often damaging to the understory plants they fall upon. They are also cumbersome to pick up and pile up for disposal. One should also avoid planting royal palms very close to a house. Fallen fronds could damage gutters on houses. However, roots of the palms are very unlikely to damage the foundation of such structures.

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