

10 Tips for Choosing a Tree Removal Service

Choosing a tree removal company is a decision that can spell disaster or delight for a homeowner. The following questions will help select a company that can perform the job safely and fit the homeowner's needs.

- 1. Experience:** What experience does the company have in large **tree removals**; especially where a tree is positioned close to a house, fencing, or electrical power lines?
- 2. Professionalism:** Does the company representative arrive on time for his appointment, dressed professionally with Company identification?
- 3. Certifications:** Is the Company representative an ISA Certified Arborist? Is the tree removal crew EHAP certified to work around electrical hazards?
- 4. Safety:** How will the property be protected from damage during the **tree removal**? Does the company employ crew members who are Certified Treecare Safety Professionals (CTSP)?
- 5. Best Practices:** Will the job be done according to ANSI A300 standards; the best practices in the industry?
- 6. Insurance:** Does the company have a "Certificate of Insurance" that covers worker's compensation, property damage and at least \$2,000,000 business liability in case of accidents?
- 7. Security:** Does the Company do criminal background checks and drug test their employees?
- 8. Crew Qualifications:** Are personnel trained to work around electrical hazards? Does the company require its crew members to participate in continuing education and training in the latest techniques and safe working procedures?
- 9. Track Record:** Does the Company have references for work completed in the neighborhood?
- 10. Ethics:** What is the Company's policy on handling problems and ensuring complete satisfaction?