

TIPS ON HIRING AN ARBORIST (TREE TRIMMERS)

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Proper tree care is an investment that can lead to substantial returns. Well-cared-for trees are attractive and can add value to your property. Poorly maintained trees can be a liability. Pruning or removing trees, especially large trees, can be dangerous work. Tree work should be done only by those trained and equipped to work safely in trees. Hiring an arborist is a decision that should not be taken lightly.

As with most professions, tree care specialists vary in the quality and type of service they provide. Because this field is highly specialized, the general public is often confused as to the needs, procedures and cost associated with proper tree maintenance. The following steps should assist you in securing quality work. Although using these procedures will not guarantee reputable work, they will greatly improve your knowledge of and confidence in the company you select.

Check with your local Tree Commission for any regulations or assistance your municipality may administer.

Search for CERTIFIED ARBORISTS at http://www.isa-arbor.com/findanarborist/arborist_search.aspx. An arborist is an individual trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining individual trees. Arborists are knowledgeable about the needs of trees and are trained and equipped to provide proper care.

Ask if the company employs Certified Arborists. The ISA provides, on a voluntary basis, a rigorous test for arborists on their knowledge of tree care and safety. Individuals, not companies, are eligible for certification.

Ask if the company is a current member of a professional arboriculture organization, the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Ohio Chapter of the ISA.

Get more than one written estimate based on the same service. **Remember, the lowest price is not always the best.**

Ask to see a copy of the company's liability insurance and worker's compensation certificate for all employees doing work, covering their workers on your property.

Ask for references and addresses of similar, previous work. Go and see the completed work.

Do Not Allow Arborists to use Tree Spikes to Climb!
As Always Never Top Trees!