

Tree Trimming Tips

Thousands of trees can be uprooted by tornados and hurricane force winds, also felling power lines and transformers. Never presume that power lines are inactive.

Speak to the local utility company in order to power down or protect nearby power lines when removing trees.

Be extremely careful when moving equipment near fallen trees and power lines. Always check the surrounding area for potential dangers before working.

Felling a tree is more than just chopping it down. You must cut it in a controlled manner that makes it fall in a direction that will limit damage to the tree itself and the surrounding area.

To safely do so, you must minimize or altogether remove any potential dangers in the area surrounding the tree, and on the tree itself.

Find an ideal felling direction, and determine how forward, back, or side lean will affect the felling.

Create a safe area for the logger to retreat to when the tree is falling. Never go directly behind the tree you are cutting, there is a danger in the tree springing back over the stump area.

Determine the correct amount and placement of the hinge wood to help direct the tree while it falls.

Proper technique and attention to detail will let the logger safely clear the tree. Keep an eye open for danger, and make sure you are aware of others positions at all times.

Always wear proper safety equipment as recommended in the equipment's operating manual, such as protective gear for the eyes, face, head, hands, and feet.

Vines, dead leaning trees, and broken or hanging branches can all cause injuries. Use caution when cutting a dead tree, as the top can break off and fall to the ground.

If under pressure and broken, ensure that you know the direction of this pressure. If it is not known, make small cuts to allow some of the tension to release before cutting the section in its entirety.

Be aware of young trees that a felled tree has fallen and leaned against, as they can act like springs and propel back at great speed. (Many tree professionals have been injured this way.)

A felled tree may have lodged against another tree and not fallen entirely to the ground. If this is this case, you must be very careful when lowering it all the way to the ground.

Whenever possible, direct the felling so as not to hit other trees or objects. Also, do not turn your back to the tree when it is falling; instead, try to hide behind a standing tree for protection if one is available. Be careful of debris being thrown out when trees fall through other trees or objects.

There are more deaths while felling trees than any other logging activity, please use caution, as these accidents can be easily avoided.

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