

# **GUIDELINES FOR HIRING A TREE REMOVAL CONTRACTOR**

Many homeowners have questions on hiring a qualified contractor to remove a tree. Of top priority should be the following:

1. Make sure the contractor is an ISA certified arborist and is bonded and insured.
2. Get the proposed work in writing – including what debris the contractor will remove (brush, trunk, stump, stump grindings).
3. Take a few pictures of the before conditions – these will help if something is damaged during the removal process.
4. Get utilities marked at locations where stump grinding is planned – make specific note of your private services such as the gas and electric lines entering your home.
5. Check references
  - a. Better Business Bureau
  - b. Previous customers
6. Get multiple estimates.
7. Don't pay up front!

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