

Tree Care Companies

Tips for Choosing a Tree Care Company

There are many tree companies in the region, and the quality and cost of work can vary greatly. Be diligent, ask questions, and request estimates before choosing your tree care company.

10 Important Questions to Ask

Before hiring a company, make sure you get clear answers to these questions:

- *Can the company provide a D49 (formerly C49) Tree Service Contractor license number from the California State License Board (CSLB)?*
- *Can the company provide a City business license?*
- *Can the company provide an up-to-date certificate of insurance?*
- *Does the company send an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist to your site to scope and monitor work?*
- *Does the company follow ANSI A300 Standards for tree pruning?*
- *Does the company avoid outdated, harmful practices like "topping" and "liontailing" trees?*
- *Can the company provide a list of references? Do they have a website or online reviews?*
- *Does the company follow safety protocols and wear Personal Protective Equipment (hard hats, chaps) required by OSHA?*
- *Can the company provide a written scope, cost, and time estimates?*

Further Information

For more information on tree care and selecting an arborist, visit:

www.treesaregood.org

www.treecaretips.org