



## Tree Removal Guide: When It's Time

Trees don't live forever, and there are a number of reasons why they won't. Disease, age— they can deteriorate pretty easily, especially if we're not paying any special attention to them. Being a tree owner, especially if it's quite close to an establishment— requires you to provide religious maintenance for your foliage. And if not, then it's a bigger headache waiting to happen. Not to mention the risks of housing a dead or decaying tree!

Before you know it, yours can already be qualified for a tree removal— whether it's obvious by the looks of or not.

And parting with your tree is never easy. Emotionally... or *physically*. In actuality, getting your tree inspected and consequently removed (*if* it ticks all your hired arborist's boxes) is *never* a walk in the park, no matter how much free time you have.

And *no*, we're not implying that you do it yourself. Quite the opposite, actually! Tree removal is tricky— especially for the non-professionals. Even if you have all the best equipment, a knack for it, and good with your hands— we don't recommend it. Tree service is risky, and even riskier to someone who doesn't know the ins and outs of it.

For your safety, for your tree's sake *and* for our peace of mind— hire a tree company instead. They're good at what they do, and they've spent years honing their craft. Besides— they have insurance (as long as you get a legitimate company) that would cover for any mishaps that might happen. Tree removal could do a lot more damage than you think otherwise. Plus, at a fair price— they do the work for you. Cleanly. Efficiently. Effectively. And (let's admit it) much better than you can do. Or anyone else, for that matter.

That's settled then. One more thing left to ponder over.

How do you know your tree actually *needs* tree removal?

Now this is where it gets *slightly* confusing. Every tree looks different. What might be normal for something might look like a red flag for the other. So yes, we reckon it's not very black and white.

But... *but!* They're all trees anyway, so they must have something in common that could indicate tree decay— universally.

And lucky for you, dear readers— we know it!

Let's give you a rundown of our Tree Removal Guide: How Do You Know When it's Time to Call the Tree Company Edition.

### **When It's Too Close For Comfort**

The branches are getting dangerously close to the power lines, the side of the house— basically anywhere it can pose a threat. And it's getting you kind of nervous. If this is a familiar feeling, your gut isn't failing you. Overgrown trees are a risk for power lines, because it could cause an accidental fire around your area. Not to mention, the tree branches could fall on your roof and cause some dents. Usually, the easy solution is just tree pruning every now and then, but if it's gotten past the point of no return— a harsher tree service is an absolute necessity (read: full tree removal.)

### **When It's In the Way of Construction**

Removing a tree when an addition to an area close to it is underway— it goes without saying. When they're near *enough* to each other, it's just a matter of time before they could inflict damage. Besides, do you know that construction projects actually do a number on the soil, and in turn, harms the tree itself? Nutrient deficiency is very possible, and it's just a matter of when it'll decay and fall over— and failing to get it done right off the bat is just a disaster waiting to happen.

### **When It's Really, *Really* Damaged After a Storm**

We assume that this one is a no-brainer. Everybody knows how much damage a big storm and harsh wind could do to your tree: nearly enough to get it uprooted. And if it's gotten to *that*, best call your tree company for emergency tree services. If you have a bit more time since damages are (barely) bearable, it's still good to act fast. If the roots got the brunt of it, it *will* fall over. And that's a risk you shouldn't be willing to take, especially for your family's sake... and your neighbors as well.

### **When the Soil is Blowing Up**

Take a quick look at the base of your tree or near the canopy.. It shouldn't take very long to see if the soil is heaving under it, should it? Blowing up, curving upwards, unnaturally bent— everything similar to it. This is a good indicator of tree decay, and a better warning that your tree could fall over anytime it wants. So take a good look, and *then* get a professional inspection to confirm your suspicions.

### **When It's Getting Root Rot**

You've probably heard of root rot. It *is* a pretty common term— especially if you're very hands-on in maintaining your tree to its best shape. When you look at it, it isn't very scary sounding, so to fix it— you

could relate it to what we say is a fast-growing fungal infection in the tree. Signs that it is are usually mushrooms in the roots, dead branches, and dead leaves. Call your local arborist for their services, so it won't be a bigger problem in the future.

### **When It's Looking Dilapidated**

There are a number of signs that could indicate that you need tree removal, ASAP. But for decaying trees, there is a pretty large number of signs that could help you diagnose it better. You can't miss it.

The tree's growth is probably stunted, or it isn't growing normally at all. And if at least half of the branches are dead, then it would be in everyone's best interest to take it out, fully. And if the bark peels and fails to regenerate, that could be a sign too. In most cases, you can see that the trunk is getting large cracks in their structure, or they're hollow. Sometimes, they even get infested by unwanted pests which could bring diseases in your family.

All in all, you know your tree better than us, and we're sure you'll make the right call either way. (And the right call is calling your local tree company as soon as you can!)



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