



## How to Choose a Tree Care Specialist

### 8 Things You Should Know Before Selecting a Tree Care Specialist for Your Commercial or Residential Property!

*When a tree falls on your home or business, when you have a dead tree or stump that needs to be removed, or when you need tree or shrub pruning, it's important to have a professional tree care specialist that can take care of your needs with complete safety and reliability. Here are 8 things to look for to help you make the right choice:*

#### **1. CERTIFIED ARBORIST ON STAFF**

Does the company employ Arborists certified through ISA? A certified Arborist has the skills and knowledge to help you make good, informed decisions about your trees.

#### **2. CURRENT LIABILITY INSURANCE, BOND, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

Ask for certificates of insurance, including proof of liability for personal and property damage and worker's compensation. This releases you from liability if a worker gets hurt on your property or causes damage to a neighbor's property.

#### **3. VALID OREGON CCB LICENSE**

Any contractor in Oregon must be currently and appropriately registered with the Oregon Construction Contractors Board. Check the CCB website to verify with any company you consider.

#### **4. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD**

Experience is imperative. The best tree care companies will have over 20 plus years of experience in tree care and removal. This ensures that they will be able to anticipate issues and propose sound solutions more comprehensively, as they have the insight of years of lessons in the field.

#### **5. SAFETY IS THEIR FIRST PRIORITY**

When investing in tree care services, you want the most reliable professionals who can do the job efficiently and adhere to the highest standards of safety during the project. Ask them how they will protect you and your property and that of your neighbors, as well as the crew that will be working on your property.

#### **6. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Look for tree care specialists with memberships in industry specific organizations like the **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)** and the **Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)**. Avoid companies who lack these professional associations and accountability.

#### **7. DETAILED WORK ORDER AND WRITTEN CONTRACT**

Make sure that you receive a detailed work order or written contract so you know exactly what the company will be doing for you and the scope of the project, as well as what they will be charging you for their services.

#### **8. REFERENCES**

Ask for current references of clients who have used their services. Any credible business should offer you references that you can contact to provide insight into the company's performance and commitment to service.

*The steps to selecting a Tree Care Specialist are simple. First, decide what services you need, research several companies online, and then evaluate them based on the items above. Once you've made your decision, you can set up a free consultation with them to get the project rolling!*