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Canopy Chatter



Employee Corner>>>

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Winter Tree Trimming

Trimming for safety and Trimming for health

Winter is a great time to trim your trees. Since the leaves have fallen, the structure of your tree is easily seen so that the arborist can identify structural issues and make the best pruning decisions for your tree.

Trimming for safety

Winter brings snow, heavy winds and ice. To minimize your (or your neighbor's) property damage caused by trees on your property, it is important to remove deadwood (dead or dying branches) from your trees. Limbs falling from trees onto your roof, deck, outbuildings or car can cause thousands of dollars in damage. Being proactive in removing these branches can save you a lot of time and money trimming deadwood also leaves you with a much healthier, aesthetically pleasing tree to look at come spring and summer. Beautifully maintained trees around your home can increase your homes value by as much as 6-11%.

dormant and the amount of time a fresh wound is exposed is minimal before new growth begins in spring. Although trimming is perfectly fine to do in other seasons, it does interrupt your tree's growth cycle. If you

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have a tree that is already stressed or sick, winter is the prime time to clean out the deadwood or trim back problem branches. Proper trimming is also a way to prevent snow and ice damage to your trees by having hazardous dead or weak branches removed. It is crucial

to ALWAYS hire a licensed arborist to trim your trees. Over trimming can kill your once beautiful tree, making it a hazard. Licensed arborists know which branches should be cut, and the overall impact trimming will have on the tree itself. If you do not know if someone is a licensed arborist registered with the state of CT, you can verify their license number with DEEP or if they are an ISA licensed arborist, you can verify it with them.

Trimming for health

Trees go dormant in the wintertime making it a much less stressful time to limb branches from your tree. They are also much less susceptible to diseases and pests as these are



Community Corner

This past fall, Green Valley Tree took part in the CTPA (Connecticut Tree Protection Association) celebration of the 100th year of the Arborist Law by planting white oak trees in Willimantic and Chaplin. The arborist law was passed to ensure that trees in the state of Connecticut are properly cared for by professionals with the right knowledge and skill, thus requiring proper licensing for arborists. The CT state arborist. The CT state arborist licensing exam is a written test, oral examination as well as a field test.



Tips and Tricks for this Winter

Do not shake your tree branches to remove snow and ice. This may cause breakage or other damage to the tree branches by having them quickly snapback to position. As ice and snow melts, the limbs will return naturally to position. If you feel that the snow and ice is putting the health of your tree at risk, you can gently use your hand or a broom to brush some snow off. If ice has accumulated, it is best to leave it alone. Breaking ice off of your tree will most likely cause more damage than be of any help. When limb snap off your tree from heavy snow, ice or wind, you should have the stub and/or hanger properly removed.



Testimonial

“They did what they said, when they said, & how they said they were going to do the job. And, it was a complicated job. No extra costs, no mess, and no accidental landscaping. I will hire these guys again.”

-Matt from Noank, CT.

Education Station

Did you know that if you hire a contractor that is not properly insured and they get hurt while on the job, you can be held liable? It is SO important to make sure that whoever you hire is properly licensed and insured. Do not be afraid to ask for license numbers and insurance information. It may require a little bit of leg work on your part to follow up to make sure these items are up to date, but it is so worth

the peace of mind knowing that you are covered. We always have our insurance information sent over directly from our agent so you know it is an up to date policy. If your contractor sends you their information, don't be afraid to follow up with the insurance company to make sure everything is on the up and up.

