

# Trim your trees before Storms - to prevent costly repairs and damage!

Summer is the season for straight-line winds and tornados. Homeowners often overlook the importance of tree trimming to prevent costly damage from summer storms

## **Inspect the trees on your property.**

Walk your property, look at the bark, trunks, roots, branches, and canopies of your trees. Check for obvious damage such as root rot, bare foliage, leaning trunks, insecure branches, or insect infestation. If anything looks amiss, contact a professional for an inspection.

## **Prune your trees.**

Pruning your trees can greatly cut down on wind resistance which causes tree damage in storms. Remove branches located too close to your home, plus dead or weak branches that could fall during severe weather. Hire professionals when the task exceeds your expertise or equipment experience.

## **Take care of your trees year-round.**

Keeping trees healthy is the best way to protect them from damage during storms, and to protect your home. The cost to trim trees is much less expensive than having to cut down and remove trees after a storm when damage may also impact your home, car, or other property. Many home owner insurance policies do not cover the cost for tree removal following a storm.

## **Hire a professional tree trimming/removal expert.**

Plan before storms occur. Experts are specially trained to recognize any illness or damage your trees may have now. Having a specialists inspect your trees is one of the best ways to assure that you are prepared for storms to protect your trees and property.