



Selecting an Arborist

Trimming small branches from trees may be done by the homeowner with the right equipment, but when trimming large branches or using a ladder, an arborist should be consulted.

When selecting an arborist, choose a company that has been in business for some time. They should have a permanent, local address and telephone number and be licensed and insured with proof of both. If the arborist has no insurance, the homeowner's insurance will be responsible if an injury or damage occurs while trimming the tree.

An arborist that is a Certified Arborist has gone the extra mile to insure credibility. They may also be a member of the National Arborist Association or the International Society of Arboriculture.

Never use someone who comes to your door and says your tree needs trimming. After storms, do not hire someone who comes to the neighborhood and doesn't have a local address. You should always check the arborist's credentials before hiring.

In Oklahoma, no license is required to prune or remove trees. It is up to the homeowner to protect himself and his property.