Why "Do it Yourself" Tree Pruning and Removals Are Not Worth the Risk!!!

The Ohio Chapter International Society of the Arboriculture is committed to advancing responsible tree care practices through research, technology, and education while promoting the benefits of trees. We remind those who may be considering attempting a Do-It-Yourself Tree Pruning or Removal Project in most cases should be left to be completed by qualified Arborist designated by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) than non-qualified tree care professionals.

The US Census Bureau lists tree work as one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States. Consider how much more dangerous tree trimming and removal will be for Do-It-Yourself.

The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) found 47 accidents involving property owners (Do-It-Yourselfers) attempting tree care in 2012; 25 of those incidents were fatal.

Safe tree pruning and removals require the use of sharp tools at elevated heights and specialized training. A Do-It-Yourself tree pruning or tree removal project with a chainsaw while standing on a ladder is not safe and will likely result in personal injury and should not be undertaken without proper training and education. This type of project requires special safety precautions that are unavailable to the average Do-It-Yourself person. Ohio ISA Certified Arborists have the tools and safety equipment needed to prune and remove trees effectively and safely. This includes safety harnesses, bucket trucks, professional ladders, training, knowledge, and more, to keep themselves safe AND protect your property.

There are over 1,000 qualified tree experts in the state of Ohio that have been designated by the ISA as Certified Arborists. Certified Ohio tree care professionals have experience in helping you remove, prune, and care for your trees. To find an ISA Certified Arborist in your area, visit www.Trees4Ohio.org.

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