



Why Hire an Arborist?

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“Who is an arborist?” you may ask - that is a very good question! According to *Trees are Good*, a website connected with the International Society of Arboriculture, an arborist is a specially trained individual in tree information, such as how to care for a tree. Trees are living plants that require a lot more care than they are usually given. An arborist can synchronize the needs of a tree with the environment it is grown in. As *Trees are Good* states, “The wrong tree in the wrong location could lead to future problems as a result of limited growing space, insects, diseases, or poor growth.” An arborist can provide council as to which tree to plant in a given area.

Arborists can provide information for previously planted trees as well. Trees need to be pruned; however, for the sake of the tree’s health, pruning must be done carefully and strategically. An arborist’s specialized knowledge can provide these things. *Trees are Good* provides a list of practices an arborist uses in pruning:

- eliminating branches that rub each other
- removing limbs that interfere with wires, building facades, gutters, roofs, chimneys, or windows, or that obstruct streets or sidewalks
- removing dead or weak limbs that pose a hazard or may lead to decay
- removing diseased or insect-infested limbs
- training young trees
- improving the shape or silhouette of the tree

Keeping trees healthy requires proactive involvement. It is important to consult a knowledgeable professional, like an arborist, when taking care of trees.

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