

Six Steps in Hiring a Tree Trimmer

Beware of unlicensed tree trimmers, who may be cheaper, but often deliver poor quality work, resulting in greater long-term costs. To protect homeowners from amateur tree trimmers and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners passed an ordinance in 2000 requiring licensing for all commercial tree trimmers. Homeowners with hat-racked, unsightly or abused trees are subject to fines.

- 1. Get written estimates from different tree companies.**
- 2. Verify the company's occupational license.**
- 3. Check the company's insurance for property damage and personal liability. Call the insurance company to verify that the appropriate coverage is in effect.**
- 4. Ask to see a copy of the company's tree trimmer license and training card. Because some unlicensed companies may attempt to present false licenses or training cards, homeowners should familiarize themselves with the official tree trimmer license, certified arborist card and training certificate.**
- 5. To verify a tree trimmer's license, call the Permitting, Licensing, and Consumer Affairs Division at 954-765-4400, option 2.**
- 6. For more information, visit broward.org/permittingandlicensing**



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