

WHERE TO GO TO FIND A MAINE STATE LICENSED ARBORIST

If you have questions regarding what to do or who to call, feel free to check out the State of Maine website at:

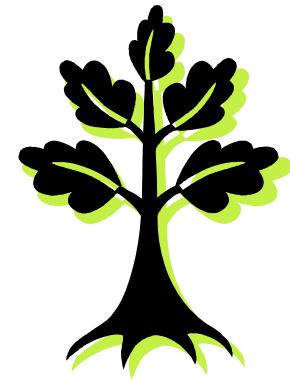
<http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/arboret/index.htm>

or call the Plant Industry Program at
207.287.3891.



**Maine Department of
Agriculture, Food and
Rural Resources**

WHEN DO I NEED TO CALL A LICENSED ARBORIST?



Simple questions you need to ask yourself before doing any tree work around your home on your own!

Why Hire a Maine State Licensed Arborist?

- The State of Maine requires that any person working off the ground (i.e. in the trees) to treat or care for the tree must be licensed and insured.
- Anyone who is accepting compensation for the tree work needs to be licensed.
- In addition, any one felling or removing a shade or ornamental tree must be licensed and insured as an arborist.
- If some one is doing tree work on your property and is not licensed or insured, you the homeowner could be liable for any damages or injuries that may occur.
- Maine Licensed Arborists are knowledgeable about all aspects of tree care and maintenance.
- Maine Licensed Arborists have met required state standards.



When might you want to do tree work yourself?

- Can you do the work from the ground?
- Does this work involve only hand pruners or perhaps a pole saw (non-motorized)?
- Are the plants/trees less than 10' tall?
- Are the plants/trees located on your property?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, you could most likely do the work yourself. Make sure that care is taken when using any equipment and that all the manufacturers' recommendations are met regarding equipment use. Please make sure that you don't leave the ground to accomplish this work.

If you answered "no" to any of the questions, you may want to consider hiring a professional ... please read on.

When should you hire a professional arborist to do tree work?

- Do you have to leave the ground to do the work, and need equipment such as a ladder?
- Do you need to use a chainsaw or power pruner to do the work?
- Are you looking to get a neighbor to help you out?
- Is the tree near the power lines?
- Is the tree near enough your house to cause damage as it falls?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, hire an arborist!

