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SERVICES

Tree Pruning

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Tree Planting

24 Hour Emergency Service



We employ certified arborists by ISA & KAA

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Buying High-Quality Trees

When you buy a high-quality tree, plant it correctly, and treat it properly, you and your tree will benefit greatly in many ways for many years. A low-quality tree will have costly problems even if you take great care in planting and maintenance.

A High-Quality Tree Has:

1. An adequate-sized root ball. If possible, check to ensure there are enough sound roots to support healthy growth.
2. A trunk free of mechanical wounds and wounds from incorrect pruning.
3. A strong form with well-spaced, firmly attached branches.

A Low-Quality Tree Has:

1. Crushed or circling roots in a small root ball or small container.
2. A trunk with wounds from mechanical impacts or incorrect pruning.
3. A weak form where multiple stems squeeze against each other or where branches squeeze against the trunk.

Any of these problems alone or in combination with the others will greatly reduce the tree's chances for a long, attractive, healthy and productive life. When buying a tree, remember **R.I.F.** (**R**oots, **I**njuries, and **F**orm).



Part of having a healthy tree begins with selecting a high quality tree.

TEMPERATURES ARE HEATING UP

The heat index outside is 110 degrees and I am wondering where spring went. It is late July and the year seems to have flown by. The last four months have been our busiest yet. We completed all the hazardous limb removal and debris hauling for the entire City of Horton, Kansas related to the ice storm. We also just completed a project for Fort Riley for pruning and removal of approximately 700 trees. We currently have one bucket truck crew working for the City of Omaha, Nebraska in response to a major windstorm they recently had. We have been swamped with work in Topeka & Lawrence as well working six days a week most of the year. Myself and two of our crew leaders attended the annual International Society of Arboriculture conference in St. Louis last week. We learned a great deal of new information which will help us to serve our clients better in the future. We are beginning to work in the Kansas City area as well. I have hired John Perry to manage that operation. John is an ISA Certified Arborist from Michigan and has many years experience doing tree work. Please contact him at (913) 530-3881 for any tree care needs in the Kansas City area. Hopefully the hot weather will not last long, talk to you in the fall. Thanks!

Greg Gathers
President

