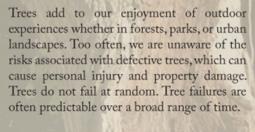
Tree Risk Assessment





The art and science of tree risk assessment requires the arborist performing the assessment to be well trained in biology, tree structure, and tree mechanics.

The arborists at Top Notch Treecare possess a high level of comfort and experience with recognizing the subtle signs of impending mechanical failure.

The process for evaluating the risk of tree failure involves:

- · Visual inspection for defects
- Sounding for suspected decay
- Probing (if necessary) with a portable drill, increment borer, or an advanced decay detection device.

Risk assessments will help you make informed critical decisions based on professional evaluations, not just emotions and aesthetics.



Formulating a decision involves considering several factors:

- · Number and type of defects
 - Species characteristics
- Location and extent of decay
- Characteristics of decay organisms
- · Crown size
- Crown ratio
- Stem taper
- Exposure to prevailing wind
- · Target considerations
- · Tree value
- · Owner attitude



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