



# City of Burnsville

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## **DO HOMEWORK BEFORE DOING ‘TREE WORK’**

*City Reminds Residents of the Importance of Working With Licensed Tree Contractors*

If a tree falls, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? If that tree falls at the hands of an unlicensed contractor, it could be the sound of agony for homeowners and the environment.

The City of Burnsville requires that any company that cuts, trims, prunes, removes, sprays or treats trees or shrubs in Burnsville be licensed by the City. A complete list of licensed tree contractors can be found at [www.burnsville.org/forestry](http://www.burnsville.org/forestry). Click “Tree Contractor List.”

While most local contractors are reputable, there are some who may attempt to take advantage of situations – specifically after a large storm. If you are planning to hire a tree contractor, the City recommends:

- Ask to see their 2013 Burnsville Tree License and number, a copy of their State’s Pesticide License and number, and insurance information. Then, contact the Burnsville Forestry Department at 952-895-4508 to verify the license is up to date.
- Ask the contractor how long they have been in business, and under what names.
- Ask for references and check with former customers to see if they were satisfied by the work.
- Ask for a local phone number where the contractor can be reached.

For more information on Burnsville Forestry visit [www.burnsville.org/forestry](http://www.burnsville.org/forestry) or call 952-895-4508.

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