



Think Before You Top.

Get the Facts.

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Tree-Topping

“the cost is
greater
than you think”

What is Topping?

• Drastic cutting of a tree's branches. Also known as: Heading, Stubbing, Tipping, Rounding-over, Dehorning

Topping is dangerous and unhealthy for your trees

- In severe cases-tree topping can cause the death of a tree and it does **NOT** correctly control its size
- This type of tree “cutting” can cause large areas of decay and removes a tree's food supply - its leaves and branches
- A topped tree is more likely to fail and cause damage during a storm

Avoid “door-to-door” tree services or landscapers that suggest tree topping

- Many are misinformed about proper tree pruning techniques
- For safety, hire a certified arborist to prune large trees

Maximizing the benefits of your trees!

Plant the right tree in the right place

- Buy quality trees and plants that fit the planting site
- With proper care and maintenance, trees are safe

A healthy tree provides many benefits

- Protects you and your family with shade and reduced energy costs
- A properly maintained tree increases property values
- The roots of a strong, healthy-growing tree prevents soil erosion

Hire a certified tree professional to carefully prune your tree

- Call a professional, get a second opinion, ask tough questions
- Find a certified arborist: International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), www.treesaregood.com

Here's how you can help!

1. Get proper tree care information from your local Penn State Cooperative Extension Office, DCNR Bureau of Forestry Office, or visit www.patrees.org
2. Attend tree care workshops and learn about national tree pruning standards
3. Volunteer with a parks, forestry or tree group to help with tree care and maintenance
4. Encourage your company to support local tree projects
5. Ask your local elected leaders to increase funding for parks, trees, greenspace and forestry

For more information: Contact Your Local Penn State Cooperative Extension Office, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, or visit www.patrees.org



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