



BEC QUICK SAFETY TIPS

Tree Trimming And Removal



Assume all power lines are energised and dangerous!!

- Tree trimming activities are conducted throughout the year, so do not wait until the hurricane season is upon us to trim those trees.
- Tree trimming or removal within 15 feet of power lines **must** be done by trained and experienced line clearance tree trimmers who must be aware of and maintain the proper minimum approach distances when working around energized power lines.
- When moving ladders and other equipment around downed trees and power lines, use extreme caution.
- Stay alert at all times.
- Do not trim trees in dangerous weather conditions.
- Perform hazard assessment of work area before commencing work.
- Eliminate or minimize exposure to hazards at the tree and in the surrounding areas.
- Chain saw operators and the operators of other equipment should be trained and the equipment should be properly maintained. When using this equipment use personal protective equipment such as gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, hearing protection etc as recommended in the equipment manufacturer's operating manual.
- Determine the tree's falling direction. Address forward, back or side leaning issues in each instance.
- Determine the proper amount of hinge wood to safely guide the tree's fall.
- Inspect tree limbs for strength and stability.
- Do not climb with tools in your hands.
- If broken trees are under pressure, determine the direction of the pressure and make small cuts to release it.
- Use extreme care when felling a tree that has not fallen completely to the ground and is lodged against another tree.
- Never turn your back on a falling tree
- Be alert and avoid objects thrown back by the tree as it falls.