



Douglas County Tree Service Publishes Seven-Sign Tree Removal Guide

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Douglas County Tree Service has published a new homeowner guide titled "Does Your Tree Need to Be Removed? 7 Signs to Check." The resource identifies seven visible conditions that may justify a professional tree assessment and explains why a warning sign does not automatically mean complete removal is the only option.

The seven conditions include broken or hanging branches, a new or increasing lean, significant trunk damage, widespread canopy decline, changes around the roots or surrounding soil, repeated loss of large limbs, and a conflict between the tree and planned property use. The guide encourages property owners to consider the entire tree, its location, and recent changes rather than making a decision from one isolated symptom.

"A visible change is useful information, but it has to be viewed in context," said Alex Laldin, marketing director for Douglas County Tree Service. "One broken branch may be handled with trimming. A new lean

combined with soil movement near the base is a different concern. The guide helps homeowners notice what changed and communicate those details when they request an assessment.?

Broken or hanging branches are the first warning sign discussed. Storms, decay, and structural weakness can leave limbs suspended in the canopy or resting on other branches. Fresh splits, exposed wood, or a limb hanging above a driveway, roof, sidewalk, or play area should not be ignored. Depending on the extent of the damage, controlled limb removal may resolve the issue without removing the whole tree.

A new or increasing lean is the second sign. Many healthy trees grow at an angle, so a long-standing lean by itself is not proof of instability. A recent change in position is more significant, particularly when it appears with cracked or lifted soil, exposed roots, or movement near the base. Property owners may find it helpful to compare current conditions with older photographs after major storms or saturated soil.

The third sign is substantial trunk damage. Large cracks, open cavities, severe wounds, missing bark, and broad areas of dead wood can affect a tree differently depending on their location and extent. The guide notes that trunk concerns should be evaluated in relation to the canopy, major branch unions, base of the tree, and nearby targets such as buildings or parked vehicles.

Widespread canopy decline is the fourth condition. A single dead twig is not the same as major dieback across several limbs. Sparse foliage, large dead branches, sections that do not leaf out, or decline across a significant part of the crown can point to a broader problem. Selective pruning may be appropriate in some cases, while extensive decline may lead to a discussion about removal.

The fifth sign involves changes around roots and soil. Much of a tree's support system is underground, which means the canopy does not tell the whole story. Excavation, trenching, grade changes, erosion, soil heaving, exposed roots, or damage near the base can affect stability and long-term condition. Recent construction or severe weather should be mentioned during an assessment.

Repeated failure of large limbs is the sixth warning sign. Trees naturally lose small twigs and branches, especially during storms. Repeated loss of major limbs may indicate a structural problem that extends beyond one isolated branch. A professional evaluation can help determine whether targeted pruning is reasonable or whether the pattern affects the tree more broadly.

The seventh condition is a conflict with planned property use. A tree may need to be considered for removal even when it shows no obvious decline if it occupies a building footprint, blocks safe access, interferes with a driveway or addition, or conflicts with fencing, a pool, utilities, or redevelopment plans. Projects involving multiple trees and undergrowth may require lot clearing instead of single-tree removal.

The guide also distinguishes selective pruning, major-limb removal, and full removal. That distinction helps homeowners avoid treating every defect as a reason to remove a tree while still taking meaningful changes seriously. Permit or utility requirements may apply depending on the property, municipality, and scope of work, so local requirements should be confirmed before a project begins.

The full seven-sign guide is available through the company's website. Homeowners looking for tree removal in the Douglasville area can use the list to document visible changes, take photographs from a safe distance, and prepare useful information for an assessment.

Douglas County Tree Service provides tree removal, tree trimming, stump grinding, land clearing, and emergency storm cleanup in Douglasville and surrounding communities. The company regularly publishes practical information about storm damage, hazardous trees, permits, project costs, and property care.

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