



## **Green Thumb Tree Specialists Advises Ottawa and Russell Homeowners to Schedule Summer Tree Inspections Before Storm Season Arrives**

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Green Thumb Tree Specialists is advising homeowners across Ottawa and Russell to schedule professional tree inspections before the summer storm season reaches peak intensity, citing the elevated risk that structurally compromised trees pose when exposed to high winds, heavy rain, and the weight loads associated with summer storm systems. The advisory reflects conditions observed each year in which tree failures that occur during storms could have been identified and addressed during a pre-season inspection.

Summer storm season in Eastern Ontario typically intensifies between late June and August, when the frequency of severe weather events increases alongside rising temperatures. Trees that have sustained winter damage, are affected by disease or pest activity, or have developed structural imbalances through years of growth without intervention carry a disproportionate risk of branch failure or uprooting during high-wind events. In residential settings, the consequences of tree failure extend beyond property damage to include risks to structures, vehicles, and personal safety.

Professional tree inspections conducted before storm activity peaks allow certified arborists to identify deficiencies that are not visible from ground level or detectable by homeowners without specialized training. Structural weaknesses such as co-dominant stems, included bark, root damage, and internal decay can be present in trees that otherwise appear healthy from the exterior. Once identified, these conditions can often be managed through targeted pruning, cabling, or in cases where the risk is sufficient, planned removal before an uncontrolled failure occurs.

"The time to find a problem in a tree is before a storm finds it first," said Riley Sheldrick, Owner of Green Thumb Tree Specialists. "An inspection in spring or early summer gives property owners the information they need to make decisions before conditions force the issue. The cost of a proactive assessment is a fraction of what emergency removal and damage repair represent after the fact."

Green Thumb Tree Specialists holds ISA Certified Arborist designation, recognized across North America as the professional standard for qualified tree care practitioners. The company provides tree removal service in Ottawa for properties where trees cannot be preserved, conducting removals with attention to site protection, debris management, and the safety requirements associated with working near structures, utilities, and high-traffic areas. ISA certification ensures that arborists applying these assessments are evaluated against consistent professional criteria rather than self-reported experience alone.

The company also serves homeowners and property managers in Russell and surrounding communities, where larger lot sizes and greater tree density create distinct inspection needs compared to urban Ottawa properties. Tree removal in Russell requests in that market often involve trees at greater distances from structures, but present access and equipment challenges that differ from urban removal work. Green Thumb's experience across both settings positions the company to manage the full range of conditions encountered in residential tree care in Eastern Ontario.

Demand for professional tree inspections in the Ottawa region has grown in recent years as homeowners have become more aware of the liability implications of trees on their properties. Municipal tree bylaws, insurance considerations, and the physical risks associated with unmanaged tree hazards have collectively increased the practical value of documented professional assessments. For property owners seeking to demonstrate due diligence in managing trees near structures, a formal arborist inspection report provides a record of the steps taken to identify and address risk.

About Green Thumb Tree Specialists: Green Thumb Tree Specialists is an Ottawa-based company providing ISA Certified Arborist tree care services to residential and commercial clients across Ottawa, Russell, and

Eastern Ontario. The company provides tree pruning, cabling, inspections, removal and risk assessment services, serving properties across urban and rural settings throughout the region.

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*Green Thumb Tree Specialists is an Ottawa-based tree care company founded by Riley Sheldrick, providing residential & commercial clients with professional arborist services, including tree removal, tree pruning, tree trimming, and emergency tree services.*

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