



Green Thumb Tree Specialists Completes High-Risk Removal of 80-Foot Tree Beside Ottawa-Area Home

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Green Thumb Tree Specialists has completed the removal of an 80-foot tree situated immediately beside a residential structure in the Ottawa area, a project that required specialized rigging techniques, sectional dismantling, and precise crane-assisted lowering to prevent structural damage to the adjacent home. The removal was classified as high-risk due to the tree's proximity to the structure, its size, and the limited access available for conventional ground-based removal equipment.

High-risk tree removals of this nature present a distinct set of operational challenges compared to standard removal work. When a tree of significant height and canopy spread is positioned directly beside a structure, conventional felling is not a viable option because the controlled drop zone required by that method does not exist. Instead, arborists must work from the tree itself, removing sections from the top down in a sequence that accounts for each section's weight, lean, and structural integrity before it is cut. Each section must be rigged and lowered in a controlled manner to avoid impact with the structure below.

The tree's 80-foot height made it one of the larger removal projects in the Ottawa residential market. Trees of this scale carry substantial canopy weight distributed over a wide area, and the forces involved in sectional removal require rigging systems rated for the loads involved. Ground crews must position themselves and equipment to manage each lowered section as it arrives, coordinating with the climber aloft to maintain control of the sequence throughout the operation.

"A removal like this one requires planning before a single cut is made," said Riley Sheldrick, Owner of Green Thumb Tree Specialists. "The sequence matters as much as the technique. Once you're in the tree at that height, the decisions have already been made on the ground. Getting those decisions right is what separates a successful high-risk removal from one that damages the property."

Green Thumb Tree Specialists holds an ISA Certified Arborist designation and provides tree removal services in Ottawa for residential and commercial properties across the region. The company's certification ensures that arborists directing high-risk removals are evaluated against the professional standards established by the International Society of Arboriculture, which cover both technical competency and site safety management. That credential is particularly relevant for removals classified as high-risk, where the consequences of errors in judgment or technique are amplified by proximity to structures and people.

The company's service capabilities include tree pruning and tree stump removal in Ottawa for properties where removal is not required but structural management is needed to reduce risk. Regular pruning by a certified arborist can address co-dominant stems, dead wood accumulation, and overextended limbs before they become hazards that require emergency intervention. For property owners with large trees near structures, a proactive pruning program managed by a qualified arborist reduces the likelihood that a tree will reach a condition where high-risk removal becomes the only remaining option.

Demand for certified arborist services in Ottawa has grown as homeowners have become more aware of the liability implications associated with large trees on residential properties. Trees that fail and damage adjacent structures or vehicles can create complex insurance and legal issues for property owners, particularly when the tree's condition was known or reasonably discoverable before the failure. Engaging a certified arborist for assessment, pruning, or removal when tree conditions warrant it provides property owners with documented evidence that professional judgment was applied in managing 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 and Eastern Ontario. The company provides tree removal, pruning, high-risk removal, cabling, and risk assessment services for 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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