

TOPPING TREES DESTROYS TREES

Topping trees is the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs or lateral branches to stubs or lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Topping is the most harmful tree pruning practice known.

Topping trees...

- Can kill trees
- Removes too much of the trees' food making ability (starvation).
- Creates weak trees highly susceptible to insect and disease attack.
- Promotes rapid decay and future hazardous limbs.
- Leads to increased sprouting, limb breakage, and tree work.
- Leads to sunburn injury causing cankers and bark splitting
- Destroys the natural beauty and grace of trees
- Can lead to mandated tree removal.
- Sets a bad example for the rest of the community

TOPPING TREES - DON'T DO IT!

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