

Tree Failure Response Checklist

If there is a threat to life/limb call 911!

Be prepared to contact local municipal agencies for assistance with other hazards

Crew Lead: _____

Crew Members Present: _____

Date: _____

Assess

- Gather information from a safe place
- Ensure safe access to tree failure site
- Ensure deployment of appropriate personnel and equipment
- Determine critical cut/lift if needed
- Prepare resources and personnel for critical cut/lift
- Prepare escape routes for workers involved in critical cut/lift

Safely Access

- Ensure safe access to and from failed tree/tree part on site
- Prepare a safe worksite for crew and public
- Check for other hazards
 - Electrical or other utility
 - Traffic
 - Hazards to the public
 - Other Tree related hazards (Not just the failed tree/tree part)
 - Other _____
- Restrict access for all persons not involved in work

Stabilize

- Stabilize failed tree/tree part if needed
- Remove material to isolate point or points of contact if needed
- Plan for removal of failed tree/tree part
 - Fall
 - Rig
 - Crane
 - Piece out
 - Other _____

Remove

- Double check systems before making critical cut/lift, modify if needed
- Communicate with team the expectations and potential reaction of critical cut and make sure everyone understands their role in the operation.
- Ensure safety of all workers and the public before making critical cut/lift
- Are the key players in the key position for best possibility for success?
- Bring failed tree/tree part to the ground safely

Remediate

- Assess safety of site after failed tree/tree part has been removed
- Perform other remedial actions needed

Review

- Review operations with all present employees
- Use feedback for continual improvement for next occurrence
- Revise procedures as needed