TREE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Take a walk around the outside of your new home and look closely at your trees. But don't just look up; there are just as many potential problems right in front of you or beneath your feet! Start at the top of each tree and, using this checklist, slowly work your way down to the ground around the tree.

LEAVES

- [ ] Brown, yellow, or spotted leaves appearing out of season
- [ ] Sections of the tree not leafing out at all
- [ ] Uneven growth, with more leaves on branches on one side vs the other
- [ ] Thinning canopy compared to nearby trees

BRANCHES

- [ ] Dead or broken branches hanging over the house, driveway, or play areas
- [ ] Branches rubbing against each other or against your roof, siding, gutters, windows, etc.
- [ ] Large limbs splitting away from the trunk
- [ ] Branches that form narrow, tight "V" shapes where they meet the trunk
- [ ] Branches growing into power lines

TRUNK

- [ ] Deep cracks or splits in the bark
- [ ] Cavities or holes in the trunk
- [ ] Soft, spongy, or crumbly wood
- [ ] Missing, sunken or oozing bark
- [ ] Fungus, mushrooms, or peeling bark at the base
- [ ] Hollow sounds when tapped
- [ ] Two trunks growing together
- [ ] Leaning that looks new or at a severe angle

ROOTS

- [ ] Roots lifting sidewalks, driveways, or foundations
- [ ] Soil heaving or cracks in the ground around the base of the tree
- [ ] Visible decay or soft, spongy roots
- [ ] A sweet, musty smell around the tree's base
- [ ] Roots that have been cut during construction or landscaping
- [ ] Exposed roots after heavy rain or erosion

Checked a box?

Even one is enough reason to bring in a Certified Arborist. Call Alpine Tree today to schedule a safety inspection and keep your property protected.

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