

Specifications of tree removal work associated with these projects

**We expect high quality work, so please follow the list below. Performance ratings will be based upon the items in the list of specifications and the timeliness of project completion.

- Tree removal – within the outlined project area, all trees listed will be removed (each project description will outline what trees get removed or left and where) by use of tree-shears, brush hogs, shredders, hydro-axes, chain saws or other suitable equipment. While cedars may be pulled if possible, it is not recommended, and deciduous trees that can resprout will NOT be pulled. Trees should be cut as close to the ground as possible and stumps should NEVER be more than 4 inches above ground level – with exceptions for rough topography, fencelines or other obvious places where such cutting height is not possible. All aspects of the tree removal specifications will factor into performance ratings.
- Piling of trees – all removed trees will be stacked into piles. The number of piles should be kept to a minimum, as much so as reasonable based upon density of trees, location of trees, topography, structures, etc. Ideally no less than 1 acre of trees will represent a single pile and getting about 3 acres of trees in each pile is preferred. Quality of piling will factor into performance ratings. Within these projects, landowners will be responsible for burning the tree piles and I am sure that they would appreciate smaller numbers of piles, provided that they are not too large for the landowner to safely burn. Landowner opinions of completed projects will likely also be included in the performance ratings of contractors.
- Burning of tree piles – we will NOT be paying for the burning and/or burying of tree piles with these projects. IF a contractor would consider burning and burying, or other removal of tree piles, they should contact the landowner to see if your services are desired – but you must make it clear to the landowner that they will be paying 100% of that portion of the project. Removal of the tree piles will likely NOT influence performance ratings but IF a landowner and contractor can work something out, we would not penalize on the “timeliness” portion of the rating if the pile removal adds time to the project. IF you choose to burn piles for the landowner, make sure that the landowner has a signed burn permit and be responsible with wind, humidity and other factors that could cause problems.
- Chemical treatment of deciduous tree stumps is REQUIRED within these projects. Russian olive trees and others that are known to resprout must be treated with approved chemicals. Recent research suggests that

chemical treatment of stumps must take place within 15 minutes of cutting. Noticeable misses of deciduous stumps (i.e. untreated stumps) and resprouting trees from stumps following completion of project will factor into performance ratings. All treatments of stumps must be done in accordance with label restrictions of chosen chemicals – not doing so will definitely harm performance ratings. **Please include chemical/chemical application costs within the tree removal bid.**

- Site clean-up – It is expected that contractors will make sufficient efforts in cleaning up trees and branches on the project site. Small branches (<2 inches in diameter) should be cleaned up as much as reasonable. Larger branches, trunks, large pieces of bark, etc. need to be cleaned up and put into piles. With most landowners, the cleaner the project site is following the project, the happier they are and as previously mentioned, that will be important.
- Other things to consider – Excessive “tearing up” of the ground, damage to fences and fenceposts or other structures, spillage of chemicals, grease, oil or other fluids, leaving broken parts of machinery or litter at the project site, etc. will definitely harm performance ratings as it will impact landowner satisfaction with the project. Also keep in mind the risk of fire, we don’t want a wildfire to start on a project site and go elsewhere. These things should go unsaid, but please respect the landowner and treat the land as if it were your own.