



TOWN OF BROOKLINE

Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Tree Referral Information

Inspection, maintenance, care, and removal of trees on private property is the responsibility of the property owner(s). This includes portions of private trees that overhang public ways or public property. The Town of Brookline will only deal with private trees in very limited situations, such as clearing a portion of a private tree that has fallen and is blocking a public way. The Town does not have the authority or resources to inspect or provide tree care for private trees. The Town does maintain all public trees along public ways and on public property. Residents are not permitted to prune or care for public trees. Please contact the Brookline Parks and Open Space Division at 617-879-5650 to report issues or request maintenance of public trees.

For private trees, the Town of Brookline DOES NOT RECOMMEND particular arborists or companies, but offers the following as having the required insurance and the necessary experience to perform the work. Residents may wish to seek the assistance of a *Massachusetts Certified Arborist (MCA)* or an arborist certified by the *International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)*. The listed tree organizations may also provide additional useful information.

Tree removal and pruning companies:

Bartlett Tree Experts, Waltham, www.bartlett.com	781-622-5980
Cambridge Landscape Co. Inc., Cambridge, www.cambridgelandscape.com	617-661-8591
Hartney Greymont Company, Needham, www.hartney.com	781-444-1227
Maltby & Company, Stoughton, www.maltbytree.com	800-660-6572
Tree Specialists, Holliston, www.treespecialists.com	508-429-8733
Tree Tech Inc., Foxboro, www.treetechinc.net	508-543-5644

Tree health consultation companies:

Hartney Greymont Company, Needham, www.hartney.com	781-444-1227
Horticultural Technologies Incorporated, www.horttecinc.com (George Ackerson)	978-368-1900
Urban Forestry Solutions, Inc., www.ufstrees.com (Dave Hawkins)	413-253-4266

Tree care organizations and non-profits:

Massachusetts Arborists Association, www.massarbor.org	508-653-3320
Massachusetts Tree Wardens & Foresters Association, www.masstrewardens.org	781-894-4759
Tree Care Industry Association, www.tcia.org	603-314-5380
University of Massachusetts Urban Forestry Program (Dennis Ryan)	413-545-6626
USFS Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry (David Bloniarz)	431-545-3755