

# Don't Cut Down Your Trees: With a Little Care, Your Trees Will Outlive You



## Which Looks More Appealing?



You might be surprised to learn that these two photos are of the same street — before, with abundant tree cover, and after clear-cutting. The treeless street looks less appealing, is hotter, and provides little benefit to humans or wildlife.

## Trees Offer These Benefits (and More!) to Your Home and Neighborhood:

- Increase property values
- Improve the visual appeal of neighborhoods
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Cool houses in the summer
- Provide habitat for birds and other wildlife
- Sequester carbon and filter air pollutants

### View trees as a property asset that requires some periodic maintenance.

Every five years, give your trees a health and safety checkup by calling an ISA-certified arborist. The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) website makes it easy to find a certified professional in your area: [www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/arboristsearch](http://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/arboristsearch). Your trees will live longer, healthier lives with the careful attention of trained arborists who are experienced in proper pruning, disease and pest management, and can identify any problems.

When hiring a professional, be careful not to spend your money on untrained individuals and companies that needlessly cut down trees, or worse, top or prune them in a way that only harms them and leads to premature death. **Only hire ISA-certified arborists to keep your trees healthy.**

Visit the Shade Tree Commission webpage for more information about how to maintain and care for your trees.

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