

# TIMBER MASTERS EQUIPMENT

The equipment that Timber Masters uses is what sets us apart from the rest. We have equipment for any type of job; large or small.



## Hydro Stumper:

This heavy duty piece of equipment is used for our commercial projects. It clears brush and grinds stumps with ease. We use this for clearing anywhere from one lot to many acres.

## Backyard Stump Grinder:

The backyard stump grinder does exactly what the name says: it grinds stumps in your backyard. It is the perfect size for getting into tight places where our other equipment can't fit. It is a small piece of equipment, but don't let its size fool you... it is very mighty and gets the job done!



## Semi:

We use this semi for commercial and residential purposes. It is primarily used to haul away debris and any other unwanted materials so your site is left clean and tidy.

### **Bucket Truck:**

Our bucket truck is used for safe removal of trees and for tree trimming. We take it along for commercial and residential jobs to ensure the safety of our staff and our customers.



### **Protective Mats**

Our large protective mats are used for every job. We use them under our equipment to keep any marks and ruts as minimal as possible. While other companies may charge and call this a "feature," we supply them at no additional cost to protect your lawn the best we can!

### **Fleet:**

Our professional fleet can handle anything. Whether it is a commercial project or a residential job, we have the equipment for any type of tree service you may need.



# DIAGNOSING YOUR TREE

Diagnosing a tree can be tricky. In order to know what may be wrong, you need to know how a healthy tree looks and grows. There are four major categories for problems that can arise with trees:

**Cultural:** These types of problems can be brought on by use of pesticides, over or under watering, fertilizing improperly, etc.

**Environmental:** These problems are usually caused by nature. This can include droughts, lightning, flooding, etc.

**Diseases:** There are some diseases that can infect trees leaving them weak and prone to other diseases such as bacteria, viruses, and nematodes.

**Insects:** Most insects are not harmful to trees but others can damage trees and leave spots or even take valuable nutrients that the trees need to thrive.

**Please use the following information to help with a diagnosis of what ails your tree. Please note, this is just a general guideline and not a guarantee of the issue(s) that affect your tree.**

## 1. Leaves and Flower

- *Is your tree losing leaves?*
- *Do the leaves have holes or ragged edges?*
  - *Are the leaves turning brown?*
- *Are there less leaves than there used to be?*
  - *Do the leaves have spots or bumps?*
  - *Are there insects on the leaves?*

These symptoms may be caused by insects, disease, or weather damage.

## 2. Trunk and Bark

- Has the bark been injured by equipment, vehicles, wires, or animals?
  - Are insects visible?
  - Is the bark split or cracked?
- Has the tree been damaged by heavy winds?
- Is the trunk showing signs of decay or hollowing?
  - Are there brown or green streaks?
  - Is fungus coming out of the trunk?

The tree may be infected with bacteria or have internal wood decay.

## 3. Branches

- *Are there dead branches?*
- *Is there evidence of insects?*
- *Do the branches overhang?*

The tree may be in need of pruning which will offer the tree direction of growth.

## 4. Roots

- *Do the roots wrap around the base of the tree?*

- *Is the tree planted too deep?*
- *Is the tree planted too close to a building?*
- *Are there cuts or cracks at the base of the trunk?*

The tree is likely planted too deep or is too close to a home or building. It may have also been injured in some way from equipment such as a lawn mower.

**If you have a dying tree on your property, it must be addressed right away. Dying trees can not only reduce your property value, but they pose a safety risk. A dying tree can lose many small branches to large limbs or they can even topple over from extreme weakness.**

**Signs that your tree is dying:**

1. Lack of leaves on all or part of the tree
2. Bark becoming brittle and falling off
3. Spongy limbs or branches
4. Limbs that die and fall off

# TREE FAQs

Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions. If you have a question that is not answered here, please contact us using the form on the left or give us a call us at 219.864.8733.

**-How much does the estimate cost?**

Our estimates are always free. Please fill out the form on our contact page to request an estimate or call 219.864.8733.

**-How long does it take to get an estimate?**

You will receive you estimate the same day or within 24 hours for most cases. We work with your schedule to provide you with an estimate when it's most convenient for you.

**-Are you licensed and insured?**

Yes, we are fully licensed and insured for your protection.

**-Are you available all year long?**

Yes! We perform a variety of tree services throughout the year.

**-Will you leave marks in my yard?**

At no additional charge, Timber Masters uses large mats that our equipment will drive over to help protect your lawn. Your property will always be treated with the utmost respect and consideration for any job that we perform. While we can't make any guarantees that there will be no damage, will always do our best or protect your lawn from any marks or ruts.

**-Do you use spikes to climb the trees?**

While we try to avoid the use of spikes, it is sometimes necessary to use spikes if we can't access the area with our equipment or if it doesn't fit.

**-Do you top trees?**

Topping is not recommended and is actually harmful to trees. We can suggest other ways to treat a tree or suggest other options for pruning or trimming to maintain your desired results. Please be advised, if you decide to top a tree, it will probably end up in its removal in the future.

**-When is the best time to prune a tree?**

Trees can be pruned year round.

**-What is the difference between pruning and trimming?**

Pruning is a very meticulous process. It involves shaping a tree for the desired shape and health of the tree by removing unruly or unwanted branches. Trimming removes larger branches to maintain shape.

**-How long will it take to remove a tree?**

It never takes longer than a day to remove a tree but the actual time involved will vary depending on the size of the tree.

**-Why should the stump be removed?**

A stump can be removed for planting grass, for aesthetic reasons, or for building on the area in construction zones.

**-Can I plant a tree where one was removed?**

If stated at the time of removal, we can dig deeper to allow you to plant in the area.