

Choosing a Tree Service for your Golf Course

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Trees represent a high aesthetic and monetary value for any property, especially golf courses. Trees often contribute to the "challenge" of making par, the "aura" of a course, and can add to the attraction of one golf course over another.

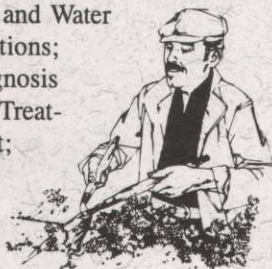
Choosing the proper resources to accomplish this task may seem overwhelming. Tree trimming should be done by people who have been trained in climbing and pruning trees, who do this type of work every day, and who are licensed and insured.

But where should you go to assure you hire the "right" company to trim your trees? Not many years ago, this was a tough questions to answer. Tree care was called the "invisible" profession. Not many people knew that companies specializing in tree care existed until they needed work done. Then, people usually chose the company with the largest ad in the yellow pages or who had an ad in the local "freebie"

newspaper.

Over the last few years, the tree care industry (also known as arboriculture), and the State of California, have made a concerted effort to upgrade the profession.

In 1984, the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), which comprises California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii, sponsored a certification program for arborists and tree workers. The purpose of the program was to provide a means for people in tree care to express their knowledge, and for the public to use as a benchmark for professionalism. The certification program is now handled by the main office of ISA which is located in Savoy, Illinois. To become a certified arborist a person has to pass a test consisting of 200 multiple choice questions in the following ten categories: Tree identification and Selection; Soil and Water Relations; Diagnosis and Treatment; Tree



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UPCOMING SEMINARS

Mechanics Workshop

March 14, 1994.

Castlewood Country Club maintenance shop.

A hands-on workshop featuring Ben Showard of Turf Equipment Services.

pesticide laws and regulations, and prevent unnecessary use of pesticides.

\$45 per person pre-registration, \$55 late registration

March 17

Stockton Hilton, Stockton

March 29

Foothill College, Los Altos Hills

April 14

Holiday Inn Union City

Integrated Turfgrass Pest Mgmt for Professionals

April 26 - 27, 1994

9:00am - 4:00pm

University Club, UC Davis

\$175.00

for more info call Sandra Cooper at (916) 757-8948

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Automatic Rain Turf Day '94

April 13, 1994

Alameda County Fairgrounds Pleasanton

for more information contact Pam Grady at (415) 323-5161

California Urban Forests Council

Annual Conference

March 18-19

UC, Berkeley

for more information call (415) 553-5977

PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminars

To provide up-to-date information on applying pesticides to maximize safety of the applicator and the public and minimize environmental hazards, understand

California Interior Plantscape Association CalScape Expo 94

March 24-25

San Francisco

for more information call (415) 364-5241

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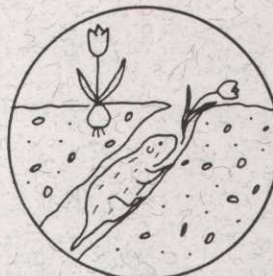
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