

TO TREE OR NOT TO TREE, THAT IS THE QUESTION!!! SAFETY IN TREE TRIMMING OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA

Have you ever imagined what the world would be like without trees? The benefits of trees are numerous and influence our day-to-day life in a direct and undeniable way.

Trees provide numerous benefits (water and air quality, biodiversity, energy savings, etc.), but in order to maximize tree's benefits, routine maintenance is required: tree inspections, pruning, mulching, fertilizing, weeding, etc.

The session will address safety topics under the VOSH Tree Trimming Unique Standard (16VAC25-73) and discuss challenges for Urban Tree's ecosystems and how those impact Tree Trimming operations nowadays.

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