



Winter tree care liabilities preparation checklist

Review and update commercial insurance policies to ensure the business has adequate coverage for all the services it provides.

Inspect and test all equipment before the start of the season.

When appropriate, winterize equipment, including replacing batteries and adding snow tires or snow chains to vehicles.

Equip all teams with a winter emergency and first-aid kit that includes blankets and flashlights.

Create a written emergency procedures and response plan.

Prioritize service calls to address the most urgent ones first.

Provide company-wide training on the seasonal risks of winter tree care, including cold stress and injury.

Ensure employees avoid cold injuries by implementing rotating schedules, minimizing the time employees spend outside, and providing cold-weather clothing.

Continue promoting a safety-first culture and encouraging employees to protect themselves.

Maintain comprehensive records and document client communications, including any recommendations for pruning, removal, and other potential safety concerns.

