

Trees and the Contractors who “Trim”

We would alert homeowners to use caution when selecting anyone to trim your trees. There are many groups driving the neighborhood offering the service of “tree trimming”. Please ensure you research who you are using. Yes, you can get a lower price, but results can be a problem. Some flags to look for:

- The contractor leaves all the limbs and debris from the trimming. The City of Allen requires that all contractors trimming trees remove from the property all trimming and debris.
- The “trimming” results in stumps.
 - Limbs should be trimmed to natural joints. When stumps are left, typically the stub will rot back to the tree. This is usually after it has sent out multiple suckers. The canopy of the tree is destroyed.
 - The overall limb structure is weakened, making the tree susceptible to ice and storm damage.



This lacebark elm has been tragically cut. This destroys the natural limb structure and tree canopy.



This is a lacebark elm that has been cared for and properly pruned.



Each year, several trees within Watters Crossing are trimmed in a very unprofessional manner. The results detract from the individual home and its value and to the neighborhood in general. Indeed, it is the maturing tree canopies which attracts prospective buys and sets Watters Crossing apart from the abundance of new construction around us.

We again urge you to hire professional, qualified tree contractors. If referrals are needed, professional contractors of various trades, including tree trimming, are posted at www.watterscrossing.com. These contractors have repeatedly shown their trustworthiness to our HOA through the years.