

# What makes Thrifty Tree Service better?

Category		Typical Tree Service Company	Gardening Service
<b>Experience</b>			
Over 30 years serving LA with top-quality tree care?	✓	✗	✗
Trusted as a contractor for the City of Los Angeles and other local governments to handle their tree needs?	✓	✗	✗
Long-term, salaried workers, not day laborers?	✓	✗	✗
<b>Quality of Work</b>			
Certified Arborist on site to supervise work?	✓	✗	✗
Hand pruning – no power tools that damage trees?	✓	✗	✗
Prune straight (at eye level instead of from the ground) to minimize size of "wound" created by the cut?	✓	✗	✗
Rubber boots – no climbing with spikes that damage trees?	✓	✗	✗
Cherry picker trucks to trim tall trees more quickly/safely (if accessible)?	✓	✗	✗
<b>Certifications</b>			
Certified Tree Care Safety Professional (CTSP)?	✓	✗	✗
Tree trimmers are Certified Tree Workers?	✓	✗	✗
Certified by the Los Angeles Fire Department for brush clearance?	✓	✗	✗
Accredited by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)?	✓	✗	✗
Certified by the TCIA as a Tree Risk Assessor?	✓	✗	✗
<b>Insurance Coverages</b>			
Full workers' comp coverage?	✓	✗	✗
At least \$3 million in general liability insurance?	✓	✗	✗
<b>Additional Services</b>			
Post-job report on tree health, and treatment plan if required?	✓	✗	✗
Licensed to apply medication to sick trees?	✓	✗	✗
Tree expert for legal issues?	✓	✗	✗
Tree appraisal?	✓	✗	✗
24-hour emergency service and quick response team?	✓	✗	✗
<b>The Bottom Line</b>			
Best value for the money?	✓	✗	✗