

**Stress and Damage:**

Topping stresses trees by removing their crown, disrupting growth and causing long-term harm.

Disease and Pests:

Topping creates entry points for disease and weakens trees against pests.

Weak Regrowth:

Rapid, weak regrowth after topping leads to easily broken branches and ongoing vulnerability.

Aesthetics and Value:

Topped trees look unnatural, reducing property value and landscape appeal.

Short-Term Fix, Long-Term Issues:

Topping is a quick but ineffective solution that creates ongoing hazards and costs.

Environmental Impact:

Topped trees provide less shade, absorb less CO₂, and disrupt local habitats.

Legal and Safety Concerns:

Topping of City trees is prohibited and poses safety risks from falling limbs.

Alternatives:

Proper pruning methods, like crown thinning, maintain tree health without the downsides of topping.

Stop Topping

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