

# THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST STORMS IS OFFENSE

Fitzwater is 100% employee-owned and caring for trees with homeowners, utilities and municipalities across the Miami Valley since 1946. With vast experience passed down over generations, we can help you navigate offense or defense – before or after a storm – and everything in-between.

For assistance, don't hesitate to call us at (937) 548-1705  
or email [info@fitzwater1946.com](mailto:info@fitzwater1946.com).



## PREVENTATIVE TREE CARE [BEFORE A STORM]

### HOMEOWNER

- Neighbor Air Rights & Boundary Trees
- Inspection for Problems Before a Safety Hazard
- Reputable Tree Company With a Free Estimate
- Certified Arborist Consultation for Tree Health

### UTILITIES

- Do Not Trim from the Service Line to Your Home
- Do Trim Trees & Clear Vegetation in Right of Ways
- Directional Pruning to Keep Lines Clear
- Safe, Reliable Power to the Community
- Restore Outages More Quickly

**TIPS:** Don't wait for the utility company if you are concerned with the aesthetics of how your tree(s) will look. Review your insurance policy to understand what is covered for lack of maintenance, neighbor rules and storms.

## THOUGHTFUL TREE PLANTING [EITHER SIDE OF A STORM]

### HOMEOWNER

- What to Plant
- Best Trees For the Space
- Certified Arborist
- Reputable Tree Company With a Free Estimate
- Reputable Nursery

### UTILITIES

- Guidelines for Planting New Trees:
- Do Not Plant in Right of Ways
- Small Trees 25' High / 20' from power lines
- Medium Trees 25-40' High / 50' from power lines
- Large Trees > 40' / 70' from power lines

**TIP:** Your utility company may have programs available to offset the cost of planting utility friendly trees.

## DO IT YOURSELF TREE WORK [EITHER SIDE OF A STORM]

### HOMEOWNER

- Rental Equipment
- Power Equipment & Maintenance
- Protective Safety Gear
- Reputable Equipment Company

### UTILITIES

- Guidelines for Working Around Power Lines:
- Temporarily Have Power Turned Off to Your Service Line for Safe Trimming/Removals
- Call Before you Dig (800) 362-2764 to Ensure There Are No Underground Utility Lines

**TIP:** Tree work is risky business and safety is the primary concern. Be sure to weigh the cost of a pro vs. safety risk.

## EMERGENCY TREE SERVICE [AFTER A STORM]

### HOMEOWNER

- Report Downed Power Lines to Utility Company
- Downed Tree on Property or Danger Limbs
- Contact Reputable Tree Company With 24/7 Emergency Service
- Take Photos of Damage Before Any Clean-Up
- Contact Insurance Company

### UTILITIES

- "Blinking Lights" or Power Outages
- Tree & Branches Primary Cause
- Do Not Touch or Drive Over Downed Lines – Extreme Safety Hazard
- Not Liable for Damage Prohibiting Safe Access
- No Clean Up, Focus is on Power Restoration

**TIP:** Even with preventative care, damage can occur. We are available 24/7 for emergency tree service.

**Call (937) 548-1705 and if it is after normal business hours, please listen to the recording for contact instructions.**

## LOCAL UTILITY & EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

[Darke Rural Electric](#) | [AES Ohio](#) | [Midwest Electric](#) | [STIHL USA](#)

## INSURANCE & RIGHTS RESOURCES

[NAIC](#) | [Insurance Information Institute](#) | [OH Dept of Insurance](#) | [AAA](#) | [FindLaw](#) | [NOLO](#)

## TREE CARE INDUSTRY RESOURCES

[TCIA](#) | [ISA](#) | [Arbor Day Foundation](#)



*Managing Mother Nature Since 1946*

**Don't let this disaster happen to you!**

**Call now for**  
Preventative Tree Care  
Before a Storm or  
24/7 Emergency Tree  
Service After a Storm  
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