

Continuing the American Dream

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John Dailey has been taking care of trees for most of his life. He founded residential and commercial tree service company, Arbor Care, Inc., in 1986. Since then, he has grown the business to include nine ISA Certified Arborists and fifty staff members. Arbor Care, Inc. provides professional, affordable and fully insured arborist services, including shade tree pruning and tree removal. Arbor Care also provides emergency tree removal services.

"We have the staff, the skills and the experience to provide state of the art tree care service," said Dailey. Arbor Care serves the greater Houston area, as far north as Conroe and as far south as Galveston and everywhere in between.

The residential tree services offered by Arbor Care, Inc. are designed to maintain healthy trees and to ensure early detection of decay and disease.

"When we are hired, we carefully inspect a residential property and develop a tree service maintenance schedule to promote healthy tree structure for young, growing trees while ensuring that mature trees do not become hazardous to the surrounding structures (homes)," said Dailey.

Dailey also provides commercial property tree service, designed to protect property value and enhance visual appeal. "Arbor Care's certified arborists provide commercial tree services including tree trimming, tree management, fertilization, insect & disease control and much more," said Dailey.

The Houston area is certainly well known for weather events and storms. The Arbor Care emergency response team is available 24 hours a day to handle damage caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, wind, lightning, or flooding.

"Our crews have the equipment, experience and training required to safely remove damaged trees from homes, businesses and outside structures. Arbor Care, Inc. is a fully insured emergency tree service company that adheres to the strict tree care standards established by the Tree Care Industry Association," said Dailey.

Dailey's experience with trees began at the age of nine, when he began working for his father's tree company, Dailey Bros. Tree Service in Illinois. He graduated from Illinois State University in 1979 and moved to Houston in 1980. After he landed in Houston, he spent six years working for Houston Tree Systems/Cityscapes/Houston Trees. "I did just about every job the company

had, including: groundman, climber, foreman, manager, sales and general manager of the company," said Dailey.

In 1986, Dailey decided to start his own company, and Arbor Care was born.

"Arbor Care has grown from a one man, one pickup company to its current state of two five-acre facilities, 30 plus vehicles, 20 plus machines and 50 employees, possibly the largest privately owned tree company in the Houston/South Texas region," said Dailey.

He became a certified arborist in 1997 and loves his chosen profession.

"I really like working in the tree industry because it allows me to work indoors and outdoors and move around a lot, keeping life interesting and always changing. I also enjoy meeting different people every day and I appreciate being able to help take care of our environment," said Dailey.

John Dailey's son, Johnny Dailey is following in his father's footsteps and has been working for the family business as an arborist for the past five years. He is working on becoming a certified arborist as well. Johnny graduated from Baylor with a degree in

marketing and advertising. He said he loves the science behind taking care of trees.

"People often don't know much about trees and I find it inspiring to teach people how to care for their trees," said Johnny.

Johnny said the recent flooding in the Houston area will impact area trees in numerous ways, stress being the biggest source of problems.

"Many trees were partially or fully submerged in water for many days. As a result, some trees went for days without air. Stress on the trees brings all kinds of issues, including beetles and bores. We make sure our customer's trees are getting the attention they need, including treatment of any issues and ongoing fertilization and aeration. Just like humans live healthier lives by enriching their bodies with vitamins and nutrients, trees need the same, especially as they age," said Johnny.

Johnny encourages homeowners to only use a tree service company that has proper insurance.

"We are in one of the most dangerous jobs in the industry, and everyone needs to be protected to the fullest extent, including our customers and their property. We highly recommend that you ask to see a company's insurance certificates to verify coverage before you hire any tree service company."

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