

FIRST SATURDAY AUTUMN

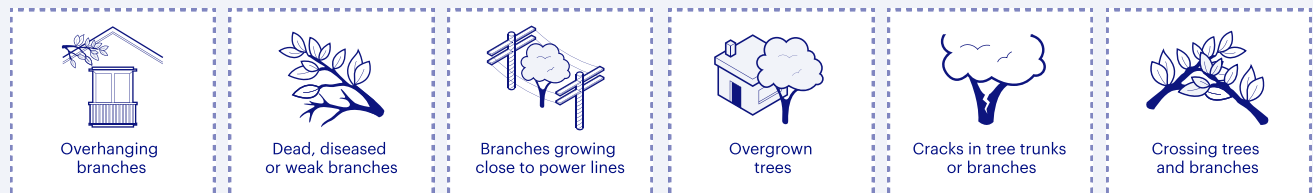
Tree and Branch Trimming Guide

This First Saturday of Autumn, 4th March, it's essential to inspect trees around your property for any unstable, weak, diseased or dead branches.

Why Autumn is a good time to inspect trees and branches

- Cooler temperatures make it easier to see a tree's structure as it loses its leaves. This helps identify and action potential problems before severe weather hits
- Severe thunderstorms (particularly inland) and tropical cyclones (QLD) pose a significant risk at the beginning of Autumn
- Above-average rainfall over the past year has led to strong vegetation growth. With drier-than-average conditions expected, there is an increased risk of grassfires
- Inspecting trees now can prevent potential damage to your home from future storms and bushfires

What to look for around your home



What to do next

- Search "pruning trees" on your council website and follow any tree trimming guidelines
- Wear safety gear, including glasses and gloves, before using any tools or equipment
- Trim trees and branches to your capability – starting with smaller branches at the tree's base before moving on to larger branches within your reach.

When to call in professionals

Approach every tree-trimming situation with caution and assess the need for an arborist who is a professional in arboriculture, which is the management and care of trees.

A qualified and fully insured arborist should undertake these jobs:

- Tree trimming near power lines
- Removal of large dead or dangling branches
- Big branches near homes or buildings

Download an Autumn calendar reminder to trim trees and branches around your property and other seasonal tasks at www.nrma.com.au/firstsaturday.