



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client _____ Date _____ Time _____
Address/Tree location _____ Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____
Tree species _____ dbh _____ Height _____ Crown spread dia. _____
Assessor(s) _____ Tools used _____ Time frame _____

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target protection	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 – rare 2 – occasional 3 – frequent 4 – constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
			Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1								
2								
3								
4								

Site Factors

History of failures _____ Topography Flat ☐ Slope ☐ _____ % Aspect _____
Site changes None ☐ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe _____
Soil conditions Limited volume ☐ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☐ Compacted ☐ Pavement over roots ☐ _____ % Describe _____
Prevailing wind direction _____ Common weather Strong winds ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Heavy rain ☐ Describe _____

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low ☐ Normal ☐ High ☐ Foliage None (seasonal) ☐ None (dead) ☐ Normal _____ % Chlorotic _____ % Necrotic _____ %
Pests/Biotic _____ Abiotic _____
Species failure profile Branches ☐ Trunk ☐ Roots ☐ Describe _____

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected ☐ Partial ☐ Full ☐ Wind funneling ☐ _____ Relative crown size Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐
Crown density Sparse ☐ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Interior branches Few ☐ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Vines/Mistletoe/Moss ☐ _____
Recent or expected change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☐ LCR _____ %
Dead twigs/branches ☐ _____ % overall Max. dia. _____
Broken/Hangers Number _____ Max. dia. _____
Over-extended branches ☐
Pruning history
Crown cleaned ☐ Thinned ☐ Raised ☐
Reduced ☐ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☐
Flush cuts ☐ Other _____
Cracks ☐ _____ Lightning damage ☐
Codominant ☐ _____ Included bark ☐
Weak attachments ☐ _____ Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ.
Previous branch failures ☐ _____ Similar branches present ☐
Dead/Missing bark ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☐
Conks ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ _____
Response growth _____

_____ Condition(s) of concern _____

Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____

Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐

Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐
Codominant stems ☐ Included bark ☐ Cracks ☐
Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐
Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ. Depth _____ Poor taper ☐
Lean _____ ° Corrected? _____

Response growth _____

Condition(s) of concern _____

Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____

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Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth _____ Stem girdling ☐
Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ _____ % circ.
Cracks ☐ Cut/Damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk _____
Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐

Response growth _____

Condition(s) of concern _____

Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____

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Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

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Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

1.		Residual risk
2.		Residual risk
3.		Residual risk
4.		Residual risk

Overall residual risk None ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐ **Recommended inspection interval** _____

Inspection limitations ☐None ☐Visibility ☐Access ☐Vines ☐Root collar buried Describe _____

