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Tropical Vibes: Maintaining Your Palm Trees

Palm trees swiftly swaying their fronds in the breeze often remind gardeners of being on a relaxing holiday close to the beach. Nothing quite captures the essence of a relaxing getaway like the sight of palm trees. Their tropical charm has led to their popularity in gardens over the years, but these majestic plants require regular maintenance to keep them looking their best. At Brand's Tree Felling, we're here to help you manage your palm trees with our trained staff and specialized equipment.



Why Palm Maintenance Matters

As beautiful as they are, palm trees can create quite a mess. From flowers and fruit to dead fronds, they often require regular cleaning up to maintain their aesthetic appeal and safety in your garden. Here follows four common types of palms we frequently encounter:

Queen Palm (*Syagrus Romanzoffianu*)

- **Height:** Up to 15 meters
- **Origin:** Central America (Cocos Palm)
- **Notes:** This fast-growing palm produces seed pods at least twice a year. The falling fruit are a menace when it ends up blocking swimming pool cleaners. Regular clean-up is typically needed twice a year.

King Palm (*Archontophoenix Cunninghamiana*)

- **Height:** Up to 30 meters
- **Origin:** Australia
- **Notes:** These handsome palms preferring warmer climates they look like a Queen Palm but with a slower growing rate, this palm requires annual maintenance to remove unattractive dead fronds.

Mexican Fan Palm (*Washingtonia Robusta*)

- **Height:** Up to 30 meters
- **Origin:** California and Mexico
- **Notes:** These palms have a natural skirt of dead fronds that can be a fire hazard if the palm is struck by lightning, the dead fronds can burn for hours and can cause damage if close to structures. Dead fronds should not be fully removed from the trunk unless they have dried out and come loose on their own. Pulling the fronds loose before they are ready could damage the palm. The palm trunk may look somewhat untidy after cleaning, so it may be best to leave the skirt on the palm if it is not growing too close to structures. Annual cleaning is recommended. (Fun fact: These palm frond skirts are referred to as petticoats in the USA).

Canary Palm (*Phoenix Canariensis*)

- **Height:** Up to 30 meters
- **Origin:** Northwest Africa
- **Notes:** Having a thick trunk and wide crown often the uncleaned fronds will attract nesting birds. When dead fronds come down, they can cause substantial damage to cars, fences and structures underneath the palms. Annual clean-up is necessary to avoid falling fronds, we shape them to mimic a pineapple for aesthetic appeal.

Our Services

At Brand's Tree Felling, we offer a range of services to keep your palms healthy and beautiful:

- **Palm Tree Cleaning and Maintenance**
- **Palm Tree Removal**

- Free Quotes with Our Area Managers

Ready to give your palm trees the care they need? **Contact us today to arrange a free quote appointment!**



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