



# Tree Condition Evaluation

## For Certified Arborist Use Only

A tree's condition is determined from the sum of the condition points established from the rating of a tree's roots, trunk, limb/branch structure, twigs and foliage. The condition point system is structured as follows: **no apparent problems (4 points), minor problems (3 points), major problems (2 points) and extreme problems (1 point).**

### ROOTS

- Root anchorage
- Restricted root system relative to canopy
- Mechanical injury
- Girdling roots
- Compaction or water-logged roots
- Presence of insects or diseases

Condition points \_\_\_\_\_

### TRUNK

- Sound bark and wood, no cavities
- Upright trunk (well tapered)
- Included bark between co-dominant stems
- Mechanical or fire injury
- Cracks
- Swollen or sunken area
- Presence of insects and diseases

Condition points \_\_\_\_\_

### LIMB AND BRANCH STRUCTURE

- Strong attachments, no included bark
- Free of decay and cavities
- Well proportioned, good form
- Wound closure
- Dead limbs/epicormic sprouting
- Presence of decay, insects and diseases

Condition points \_\_\_\_\_

### TWIGS

- Shoot vigor compared to past 3-year growth
- Presence of weak or dead twigs
- Presence of insects and diseases

Condition points \_\_\_\_\_

### FOLIAGE

- Normal appearance (size, color, density)
- Nutrient deficiencies
- Herbicidal, chemical injury symptoms
- Wilted or dead leaves
- Presence of insect or disease

Condition points \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Condition Points** \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE CONDITION RANKING:** The ranking does not incorporate a wood density evaluation of the root collar and includes an evaluation of the tree's canopy from the ground surface only.

Total Points	Condition
18-20	Excellent
15-17	Good
12-14	Fair
11 or less	Poor

Evaluated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_