**The Value of Trees**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: the value of trees.

Many people enjoy trees for their shade and natural beauty, but may not realize that trees can bring lasting value to a home. Special appraisers who are certified arborists can determine a tree’s actual dollar value.

In order to determine a tree’s value, an appraiser will consider what kind of tree it is, how big it is, where it’s planted, and what condition it’s in.

Knowing the value of the tree can be helpful for insurance purposes, in case a tree is ever damaged or needs to be replaced. An appraisal can also be helpful for tax deductions or court testimony in lawsuits.

A certified arborist will also help you understand how to maintain your tree so that your investment will be protected for years to come.

For more information about trees and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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