

Stump grinding project summary

Record what you already know, then copy or print a clear scope to discuss with a provider. No name, email, or service request is needed.

Observe first. Do not prepare a hazardous work area.

Observe only from safe, accessible places. Do not dig, probe, cut roots, move utility flags, climb, or operate equipment to fill this in. A worksheet or utility ticket is not confirmation that work can safely begin.

What belongs in the scope discussion?

- ☐ One or more stumps to discuss
- ☐ A narrow gate or tight turn
- ☐ Steps, a slope, or soft ground
- ☐ Nearby irrigation, lighting, or other private lines
- ☐ A plan to replant or build in this area
- ☐ Chip removal or lawn restoration to discuss

Stump count and approximate visible sizes

Known access conditions

What would you like the area used for?

Gate width, utility-plan questions, and other observations

Record only details already known or safely visible. Do not include addresses, personal documents, access codes, or sensitive information. A blank or checked box is not a safety clearance.

Independent information from The Local Lookout LLC. No provider is currently assigned. This sheet is not a quote, work authorization, or service request.

Compare the written scope.

Ask each provider the same questions. Confirm the property, work, exclusions, and any changed price before approving a job.

Questions to ask

- ☐ Which stumps, visible surface roots, and grinding depth are included?
- ☐ Who confirms equipment access, utility responses, private lines, and any necessary permissions?
- ☐ Do chips stay, get redistributed, or get hauled away?
- ☐ Are backfill, topsoil, grading, seed, and restoration included or separate?
- ☐ Will the quote explain exclusions, added charges, and approval for changes?

Included work / exclusions / separate charges:

Useful information to bring

- ☐ A wide view of the stump and surrounding area
- ☐ A clear view of the cut surface and visible root flare
- ☐ A view of the access route and narrowest known opening

Trusted resources and sharing

Links checked October 27, 2026. Confirm current requirements and eligibility directly. Linked organizations do not endorse this guide.

Michigan Public Service Commission: safe digging

<https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/regulatory/damage-prevention>

MPSC five-step guide and private-line guidance

https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/-/media/Project/Websites/mpsc/consumer/info/tips/MISS_DIG_Tip.pdf

MISS DIG 811 homeowner FAQ

<https://www.missdig811.org/homeowners/faq.html>

Macomb County Department of Roads permit FAQ

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/department-roads/community-engagement/resources/frequently-asked-questions>

ReLeaf Michigan tree planting resources

<https://www.releafmichigan.org/tree-planting-resources/>



Accessible guide and online worksheet

<https://macombstumpgrinding.com/before-stump-grinding>

Share this unmodified worksheet freely with credit to The Local Lookout LLC. Keep both pages and all safety/source notes together.