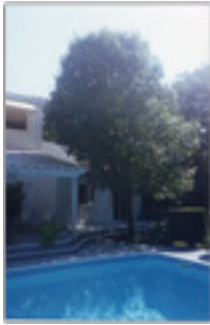


## More about Trees



Last month I wrote about the correlation between your view and the opportunities that can enter into your life. I'm certainly not an advocate of clear-cutting trees just to open up a view. But in certain situations, removing a tree may be appropriate. Consider these scenarios, especially if you are suffering from lack of opportunities or clarity in your life: Is your tree out of proportion to your home? Is it damaging or threatening the home? Is it blocking a window or door? Is it blocking much-needed sunlight or a wonderful view?

The top photo shows a large, healthy tree growing into a house, potentially damaging the structure. It also blocked light from entering into the home. The owners finally realized that the safest and most practical solution was to remove the tree. The bottom photo shows the light-filled site, which is now home to beautiful flowers. They have become magnets for hummingbirds and bees that bring joy to the owners. One of the owners stated that as soon as they made the decision to cut down the tree, she breathed a sigh of relief. Most important, she "knew" that the house could breathe freely, too. Happily, she noticed that birds stopped flying into the adjacent glass door and dying.



The lesson: Although a tree can be a desirable and valuable living thing, your quality of life and safety are key points to consider when making a decision about which trees stay and which ones go.