

Special Branch Tree Services (NE) Ltd

Customer Privacy Notice

At Special Branch Tree Services (NE) Ltd, we understand that we have a responsibility to protect and respect your privacy and to look after your personal data.

This **Privacy Notice** and our **Business Terms and Conditions** explain what personal data we collect, how we use your personal data, reasons we may need to disclose your personal data to others and how we store your personal data securely.

For clarity, Special Branch Tree Services (NE) Ltd may be both data controller and data processor for your personal data under certain circumstances.

Who are we?

Special Branch Tree Services (NE) Ltd is a provider of contracting services, based in County Durham.

We are a UK Limited Company with our registered office at Hagg House Farm, Esh Winning, DH7 9QB.

The company number is 13843596 and Rebecca Burton is the manager responsible for data protection.

How the law protects you

Data protection laws state that we are only able to process personal data if we have valid reasons to do so.

The basis for processing your personal data includes, but is not limited to, your consent, performance of a contract, to enable billing and remittance, and to contact you for customer service purposes.

How do we collect personal data from you?

We receive information when you complete the form on our website, if you contact us by phone, email, or otherwise in respect of any of our services.

If you provide us with personal data about a third party, you warrant that you have obtained the express consent from the third party for the disclosure and use of their personal data.

What type of data do we collect from you?

The personal data that we may collect from you includes your name, address, email address, phone numbers, business and company information and trading history. We also retain records of your queries and correspondence, in the event you contact us.

We merely process such data on your behalf, subject to our Terms and Conditions.

What data do we store?

- Contact details
- Project details
- Email
- Other correspondence

We do not store any payment information such as bank account details or credit card numbers.

How do we use your data?

We use information about you in the following ways:

- To process orders that you have submitted to us
- To provide you with services
- To comply with any contractual obligations, we may have with you
- To help us identify you and any projects we are working on or have completed for you
- To enable us to review, develop and improve our services
- To provide customer care, including responding to your requests if you contact us with a query
- To administer accounts, process payments and keep track of billing and payments
- To detect fraud and to make sure what you have told us is correct
- To carry out marketing and statistical analysis
- To notify you about changes to our services
- To provide you with information about products or services that you request from us or which we feel may interest you based upon the work we have completed for you
- To inform you of service and price changes

Retention periods

We will keep your personal data for the duration of the period you are a customer of Special Branch Tree Services (NE) Ltd.

Due to the nature of the services we offer and the relationship that we have with our customers, we will assume that you are still a customer until you tell us that you no longer want to be considered as a customer.

If you let us know that you are no longer a customer, we will delete all unnecessary electronic data and destroy all unnecessary hard copy data that we hold.

We shall retain any project data that is required to safeguard our legal liability following the completion of any project.

Who has access to your personal data?

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not and never shall sell your personal data to third parties for marketing or advertising purposes.

We may pass your personal data to third parties for the provision of services on our behalf, but we will only ever share information about you that is necessary to provide the service. For example, if we need to use a provider of specialist equipment or services as part of the work that we are doing for you.

We may share your information if we are acquired by a third party and therefore your data will be deemed an asset of the business. In these circumstances, we may disclose your personal data to the prospective buyer of our business, subject to both parties entering into appropriate confidentiality undertakings.

We may share your personal data if we are under a duty to disclose data in order to comply with any legal obligation or to protect the rights, property, or safety of Special Branch Tree Services (NE) Ltd, our customers, or others. This includes but is not limited to exchanging information with other companies and organisations for the purposes of fraud protection, credit risk reduction and dispute policies. However, we will take steps with the aim of ensuring that your privacy rights continue to be protected.

Your rights

You have the right to object to our use of your personal data, or ask us to delete, remove or stop using it if there is no need for us to keep it. This is known as your right to be forgotten.

There are legal and accountancy reasons why we will need to keep your data, but please do inform us if you think we are retaining or using your personal data incorrectly.

In preventing the use or processing of your personal data, it may delay or prevent us from fulfilling our contractual obligations to you. It may also mean that we shall be unable to provide our services or process the cancellation of your service.

Our Privacy Notice shall be made clear to you at the point of collection of your personal data.

Keeping customers up to date is part of our service and we consider updating to include making you aware of new solutions to topical issues. The solution may be a new or improved service. You have the right to ask us not to process your personal data for marketing purposes. If you choose not to receive marketing communications from us about our products and services, please let us know at any time at info@specialbranchtreeservices.net

You have the right to ask to see the data we store and process that relates to you and we would be happy to provide that information upon request.

Where we store your personal data

All information you provide to us is stored on our secure cloud-based servers.

Email is held on the storage provided by Google Inc.

Project documents including photographs are stored on our Dropbox system.

Please refer to the information published by these companies in relation to encryption and security. We are comfortable that they provide a very secure storage solution.

Our IT equipment is protected by the software from Apple.

Email and project documents are backed-up regularly onto an external hard drive and this is kept in a remote secure location.

Liability

We agree to take reasonable measures to protect your data in accordance with applicable laws and in accordance with our Terms and Conditions.

In the event of a data breach, we shall ensure that our obligations under applicable data protection laws are complied with where necessary.

Contact us

Please e-mail any questions or comments you have about privacy to us at info@specialbranchtreeservices.net

Your right to make a complaint

You have the right to make a complaint about how we process your personal data to the Information Commissioner:

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

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