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Be Proactive by caring for trees BEFORE a storm hits

Protect your family, pets, cars and other personal property from the damaging effects of a fallen tree with proactive, year-round tree care.

What should you do?

- hire an arborist to perform annual inspections to identify potential hazards;
- have routine fertilizer applications to develop healthy root system to your trees;
- have periodic pruning;

By performing these basic but crucial steps, your trees will be healthier and have a strong natural resistance to damage.

When do you need to contact an arborist?

- Do you see cracks in tree trunks or limbs?
- Is your tree leaning and/or have low hanging branches?
- If you see these signs and left it unchecked, it could lead to tree failure and property damage during a storm.



Our highly qualified arborists can help. We will conduct a storm damage risk assessment to determine whether your tree(s) is more likely to fail during a storm due to potential problems such as:

- cracks in trunk or major limbs
- areas of included bark (vertical lines of scar tissue beneath the crotch of a tree)
- hollow or decayed areas
- excessive dead wood
- weak branch attachments
- root injury or decay

If these problems are recognized early on, often times they can be corrected with hazard reduction pruning, cabling and bracing and proper fertilization programs.

Remember, after a severe storm, tree companies are in high demand. Build a relationship with Smiley Tree Service and Landscaping arborist now to ensure that you get our utmost attention in the event of an emergency.



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After A Storm Has Passed...

After a storm has passed, we suggest that you assess your property for damage. If you need a chainsaw or ladder to prune, if power lines are down, if you are unsure of the structural stability of a tree, or if you do not know if your tree is worth saving, you should call an arborist.

After a storm, people will sometimes request the removal of a damaged tree regardless of its condition as a result of property damage. However, vibrant, healthy trees are a priceless part of your landscape.

This is actually a short term decision which can have negative effects on the environment and landscape value. An unprecedented number of people are also requesting tree removal out of fear of them falling on their property. Do not remove trees out of unsubstantiated fear. Rather, rely on the expertise of an arborist to assess the true risks involved. They may still be healthy, and the expense of removing them can be avoided. Try using recovery and stabilization when removal is unwarranted.

Your trees will have a much better chance at surviving the storm if you have taken proper precautions. Remember, healthy trees adjust quickly to changes in the environment, and they are more likely to react effectively to storm damage. Therefore, if you are proactive and take the necessary steps to minimize storm damage before it occurs, you can prevent property damage and save yourself a great hassle and expense.

Next articles:

- Learn the reasons that may have caused your tree to fall in a recent storm.
- Winter storms can be especially damaging to trees. Learn how to protect your trees from the damaging effects of winter weather.