

What should I do about winter damage to my trees and shrubs??

1. Broken tree - down at the ground = remove and start over.
2. Uprooted pine trees = remove and start over.
3. Broken or split shrubs = Prune at breaks, some shrubs may re-grow from base of plant.
4. Trees or shrubs bent or flattened by heavy snow = be patient as temperatures warm and sap begins to flow many plants will stand back up. You may need to help them with some stakes but wait for warm spring temperatures to begin.
5. Fertilize surviving plant material in the spring and water as needed in absence of rain.

What about broken branches???

1. Broken more than 1/3 = remove.
2. Severely broken = remove.
3. Slightly cracked = support from below, treat wound with fungicide, splint if necessary, wrap with tree wrap to prevent insect infestation. Check regularly during growing season if wound does not heal remove branch.

How should I remove broken branches?

1. Make first cut from below the branch just beyond the break.
2. Make next removal cut from above and cut into bottom cut.
3. Make final cuts in same manner removing remaining portion at branch up to the bulge of the branch that intersects the tree—you must leave this portion.

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