



## **Storm Damage Tree Removal Guide Helps Douglasville Homeowners Handle Fallen Trees Safely and Confidently**

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Douglas County Tree Service has released a new educational guide, "What to Do When a Tree Falls on Your Property," to help Douglasville homeowners handle storm damage, fallen trees, and tree-related emergencies with clear, simple steps. The guide explains what to do in the first minutes after a tree falls, how to document tree damage and property damage, when to call a tree care professional, and how to work with homeowner's insurance after severe weather in Douglas County.

The new resource begins at the moment a tree falls on a house, car, fence, or yard. It explains that safety is the first priority for homeowners and their families. The guide instructs readers to check for injuries, move people and pets away from the fallen tree, and stay clear of any downed power lines or gas leaks. It also explains that any contact between trees and power lines requires immediate involvement from the utility company and emergency services, and that untrained homeowners should never try to handle storm damaged trees near electrical lines.

The guide shows homeowners how to carefully inspect their property after storms with strong winds, heavy rain, snow, or ice. It describes common patterns of tree damage, such as broken branches, hanging limbs, cracked trunks, damaged limbs, uprooted trees, and soil heave around the base of trees. It explains that some storm damaged trees look stable but may be prone to failure because of hidden problems in the root system or trunk. By describing visible signs like broken branches and split trunks and encouraging homeowners to recognize weakly attached branches and downed limbs, the guide makes it easier for residents to understand which damaged trees are potentially dangerous.

Douglas County Tree Service also uses the guide to explain how to photograph and document storm damage for homeowner's insurance claims. The content walks readers through taking wide shots of downed trees and property damage, close-ups of roof damage, crushed vehicles, damaged fences, and broken limbs, and video that shows the full extent of the event. It stresses the importance of documenting conditions before any debris removal or storm cleanup begins. The guide describes how careful records help homeowners explain what happened to an insurance adjuster, show how a tree fell, and support a claim for tree removal, roof repair, and other repairs to buildings and structures on the property.

The guide gives clear advice about the limits of do-it-yourself work after storms. It explains that homeowners can often rake small debris, move light branches already on the ground, and clean up twigs in the yard, but that they should not try to cut large hanging limbs, climb damaged trees, or remove downed trees near houses or power lines. It explains that tree care work with chainsaws, ladders, and damaged trees is a common source of injury, especially when limbs are overhead or trunks are compromised. By stating that large trees, downed trees, hanging limbs, and work near power lines belong to a tree care professional, the guide helps homeowners avoid risky decisions and focus on tasks that are actually safe.

To help residents choose the right help, the guide describes what a tree care professional does during storm damage tree removal. It explains how a crew with professional equipment will arrive on site, carefully inspect each damaged tree, identify high-risk areas near buildings and power lines, and plan removal sequences that reduce the chance of further damage. The guide notes that trained crews use methods such as the three cut method for branch removal to avoid damage to the branch bark ridge and reduce pruning wounds, and that they avoid flush cutting, which can harm a tree that may be worth saving. It also describes how rigging systems and bucket trucks are used to lower large limbs and trunk sections safely and protect roofs, walls, vehicles, and other structures.

The new article addresses the full storm damage process, from emergency response to long-term tree care. It explains that in Douglasville, storms with high winds and ice storms can weaken or topple even healthy trees, especially when clay soil is saturated and the root system loses stability. It encourages homeowners to schedule follow-up inspections of remaining trees after an initial emergency is resolved, so a tree care

professional can identify potential problems like weak branches, pests, disease, and poor structure that may lead to future storm damage. The guide emphasizes regular pruning, proper planting, and attention to new trees as key parts of preventing future property damage.

The resource also explains how to decide whether damaged trees should be removed, repaired, or kept with careful pruning. It notes that severely damaged trees with split trunks, major root failure, or more than half of the canopy lost are likely to need removal. It explains that trees with minor limb damage, limited canopy loss, and a healthy root system may be worth saving with proper pruning and care. The guide uses the phrase "worth saving?" to highlight trees that have real shade, beauty, or property value and can recover from storm damage if treated correctly. For homeowners who need to plant new trees after removal, it discusses selecting storm resistant species, avoiding planting too close to buildings, and choosing good locations for smaller trees that will grow into strong, stable specimens.

Douglas County Tree Service also recognizes that storm damage raises questions about property damage, neighbor issues, and cost. The guide describes common scenarios where a neighbor's tree falls across a property line, damaging a fence or structure. It explains that responsibility for such damage depends on factors like tree health before the storm and specific causes of failure. While it encourages homeowners to speak with their homeowner's insurance company about coverage, it also highlights the role of a tree care professional in documenting tree damage and providing clear descriptions of the condition of the tree and the nature of the event.

Company leader Alex Laldin used the release of this guide to highlight the company's commitment to Douglasville and Douglas County residents. He stated that most people do not think about storm damage tree removal until a tree falls on their house, blocks their driveway, or brings down power lines. He explained that in that moment, homeowners feel a mix of stress and urgency and need simple, direct information. He said that this new guide is meant to give homeowners clear steps they can follow without confusion, and to show that a local tree care professional is ready to help with emergency services, debris removal, and long-term tree care.

Laldin also emphasized that safety and service to the community are at the center of the company's work. He noted that each emergency call is more than just a job, because the crew is often helping families who are worried about injury, worried about further damage to their home, and worried about how they will pay for repairs. He said that Douglas County Tree Service responds with professional equipment, trained crews, and a focus on returning properties to a safe condition as quickly as possible, while also helping homeowners understand their options, their risks, and their next steps.

Douglas County Tree Service provides 24/7 emergency storm damage tree removal, storm cleanup, and tree care services across Douglasville and the surrounding communities. By publishing "What to Do When a Tree

Falls on Your Property,? the company is sharing its experience with downed trees, broken branches, and severe weather in a form that any homeowner can read and use. With this guide, Douglasville homeowners now have a clear resource for handling storm damage from the moment a tree falls through the final stages of cleanup, repair, and planting new trees for the future.

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