



*Celebrating 22 Years!*

**ask** the landscape professional

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**Welcome to my weekly series!**

Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest.

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### **QUESTION THIS WEEK:**

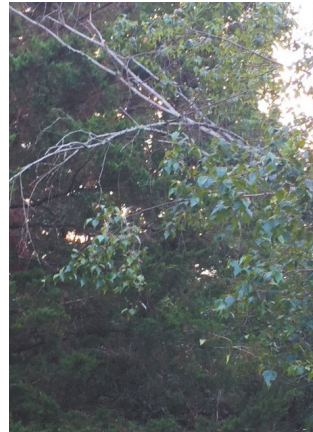
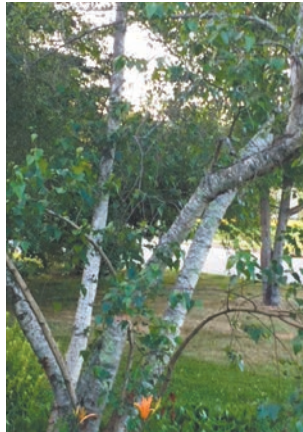
*Dear Linda,*

*These are pictures of my birch tree which seems to be dying branch by branch. There is a green tufted mossy/grassy growth on some of the branches. The branches with the most growth seem to be doing the worst. What do you advise? Thank you, Kathy*

### **Linda's Answer:**

Hi Kathy,

Unfortunately, you have a Gray Birch tree which only lives about 20 years. It is dying a slow death and there's nothing that can be done about the existing tree. The good news is that



you can rejuvenate the tree next spring by cutting the existing trunks (stems) to the ground. New stems will emerge from the stumps to form a new multi-stem tree. The best time to do this is April-June when the sap begins to flow from up from the roots. I would also suggest you add some compost and/or leaf litter around the stumps to introduce extra nutrients. Good Luck.

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