

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. **Email or mail your questions to: info@sprigsandtwigs.net or Linda Lillie, Sprigs & Twigs Inc, PO Box 245, Gales Ferry, CT 06335**



Question of the Week: *We have now had three major weather events damage trees. It appears that the blizzard has done more damage to trees than the other two storms. Birch trees, cedars and Eastern white pines look to have been especially susceptible.*

What should we know about how much damage a particular type of tree can sustain?

You point out three especially brittle trees but any tree can succumb to storm damage depending on where it's located, the general condition of the tree, how it has been growing, the configuration of the branches and whether there is hidden rot and decay that weakens the tree. There are a few wise things you can do before, during and after a storm:

- 1** Have your trees inspected and pruned (if needed) by a CT licensed arborist once a year. Sprigs & Twigs will do that inspection free of charge. The arborist can remove, unsafe crossing branches and those most likely to break during storms,
- 2** Consider removing trees that are close or threatening your house or other buildings, better to have a controlled removal than letting Mother Nature do it during a storm.
- 3** During a snow event, if you can reach the limbs take a broom and in a gentle upward motion, jar the limbs to shake off the snow and
- 4** If your trees do sustain damage, have us come over and inspect them. Sprigs & Twigs will do that inspection free of charge. If repair is necessary, we can clean up damage to give the tree the best chance of survival.

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