

Signs Your Tree is About to Fall

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There are a few obvious signs your tree is about to fall that you should be aware of before the next big storm or strong wind to avoid a potential catastrophe. ***If you suspect the health or stability of any tree on your property may be compromised – take immediate action!*** Seek help to stabilize the situation to protect your family, your pets and your property before it's too late.

Most homeowners find it hard to tell when and if a tree should be removed if the signs aren't obvious. All too often, individuals wait until it's too late and end up facing ***property damage, physical injury or serious liability for not properly maintaining a diseased or dying tree.*** In some instances, property owners hold emotional ties to long-established trees that define or anchor the landscape. Others may consider the cost of a tree service or enlisting the help of a certified arborist too much.

But, as with all property maintenance, ***seeking professional advice will help identify an issue before it becomes a disaster and end up saving you time and money in the long run.*** A professional tree service company will assess each tree and trim branches as regular maintenance or safely remove a dead or dying tree to prevent a disaster. Consulting an arborist will provide valuable risk assessment and give you a better idea of the extent of a diseased tree's damage and if it can be treated.

While we'd prefer your home and property are safe and sound during a strong wind, rain or snow storm we will be here for you in the event of an emergency – **Utah Flood Cleanup** is available 24/7 to all residents and business owners across The Beehive State. Protect your home and family and recognize potentially hazardous tree branches and root stability by considering the tree's age, overall health and ***check for one or more of the following signs your tree is about to fall***

Rotting Roots

A tree with a decaying root system can be very dangerous. In general, ***rotting roots are almost always the source of a dead branches and a dying, unstable tree.*** While it may be difficult in some cases to detect if tree roots have become rotten, keep an eye out for these clues:

- **Leaning Trunk** from a deteriorating root system
- **Falling Leaves** out of season
- **Dead Branches** or weak limbs
- **Mushroom Growth** around the tree base

When you see signs that the trees in your yard are at risk for falling, do not wait for strong winds to topple them. Unless you are a professional, ***falling trees are unpredictable with many different variables at play and will likely not fall exactly how you might imagine.*** Ask for professional help to take down the affected trees before they hurt people or property.

Dangerous Dead Branches

When tree branches die and fall off, the tree may be trying to make itself smaller in order to have fewer branches and leaves to provide water and nutrients to. This could be the symptom of root rot, which renders a tree unable to nourish all of its branches and leaves. ***Dead and falling branches are dangerous, especially when there is a strong wind.*** They should be cut before they hurt someone or cause costly damage to structures or other property when they fall.

Falling Leaves from the Inside Out

Leaves should fall from the outside in—not the other way around. ***When a tree is missing the leaves closest to the trunk, the tree roots may be diseased or dying.*** In some cases, property owners don't realize just how unstable a diseased tree is until the aftermath of a big

thunderstorm storm, high wind or during the thaw from winter. Be observant and take the necessary precautions before the next big storm to save yourself from the liability of a sick tree.

A Hole or Cavity in the Trunk

Our teeth get cavities and so do tree trunks. These holes result from improper pruning and may result in continuous decay in the tree trunk. ***As the hole gets bigger, it makes the tree trunk so weak that it cannot sustain its own branches.*** Strong winds may cause the tree to fall onto structures like your home, garage, shed or even the neighbor's house. Because of the threat of injury and the potential liability, seek professional help for the best options before this issue becomes a big problem.

Trusted Local Fallen Tree Cleanup and Repairs

Utah Flood Cleanup understands that Utah's extreme weather can cause even a healthy tree to fall. If your home has been damaged during a storm or because of strong wind ***Contact Us today for your free remediation consultation and free estimate*** or gives us a call at 801-416-2666 to get your property and life back to normal as soon as possible. With 24/7 availability and 11 locations across Utah, ***we are immediately available to help take care of any after-storm disaster and make sure your property is safe.***

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