



LOOK UP - TAKE NOTE - REPORT

FRIENDLY TREE has started a tree hazard education and tree safety awareness program we hope will spur the general public to:

LOOK UP at your trees

TAKE NOTE of anything that doesn't look right AND

REPORT to Friendly Tree, or your favorite Arborist or Certified Tree Expert, any hanging limbs, dead and/or damaged limbs, heaving in roots within drip line, cracks, rips and or fractures in limbs, note obvious open wounds and rot, fruiting bodies (FUNGUS AMONG US) etc. If you notice one or more of these issues CALL TODAY for safety's sake. We can be reached at 973-678-8888 or via email at AreMyTreesFriendly@FriendlyTree.com

The last 3 years of extreme weather and environmental stress has many trees harboring stress fractures in crotches and co dominant stems, damage to root structures, and hanging broken limbs that will shake loose when least expected. On a daily basis we inspect area trees and point out hazards to tree owners that never had a clue. Besides the visible damage, the fracture wounds that caused the damage have exposed large amounts of tissue for fungi, bacteria and insects to take advantage of.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” – Benjamin Franklin

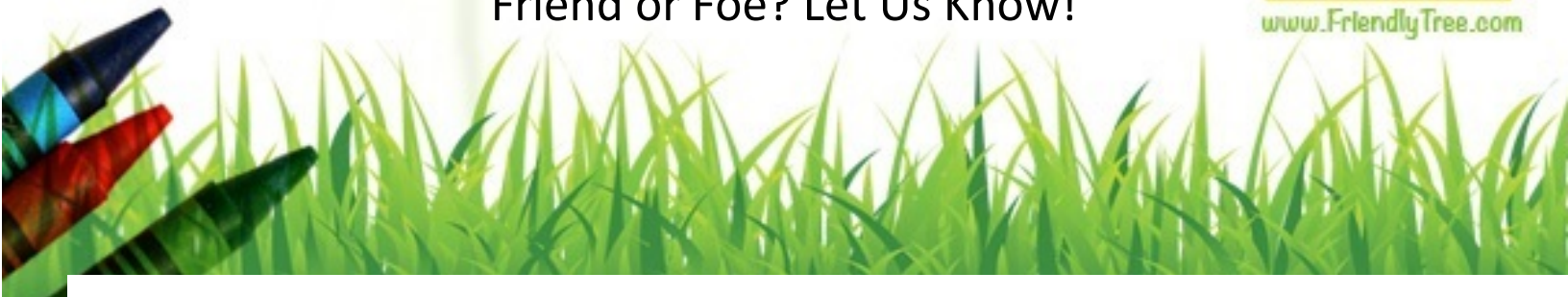
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Safe Healthy Trees are Friendly Trees

Friend or Foe? Let Us Know!

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Tree Hazard Checklist

Consider these questions:

- Are there large dead branches in the tree?
- Are there detached branches hanging in the tree?
- Does the tree have cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches?
- Are mushrooms present at the base of the tree?
- Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- Have any branches fallen from the tree?
- Have adjacent trees fallen over or died?
- Has the trunk developed a strong lean?
- Do many of the major branches arise from one point on the trunk?
- Have the roots been broken off, injured, or damaged by lowering the soil level, installing pavement, repairing sidewalks, or digging trenches?
- Has the site recently been changed by construction, raising the soil level, or installing lawns?
- Have the leaves prematurely developed an unusual color or size?
- Have trees in adjacent wooded areas been removed?
- Has the tree been topped or otherwise heavily pruned?



The following are defects or signs of possible defects in urban trees (see figure BELOW):

1. Regrowth from topping, line clearance, or other pruning
2. Electrical line adjacent to tree
3. Broken or partially attached branch
4. Open cavity in trunk or branch
5. Dead or dying branches
6. Branches arising from a single point on the trunk
7. Decay and rot present in old wounds
8. Recent change in grade or soil level, or other construction

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