

Grant Brothers Urges Homeowners to Inspect Trees Before Severe Weather Arrives

VIENNA, VA, UNITED STATES, August 31, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Grant Brothers Tree Service](#) is urging homeowners across Northern Virginia to inspect trees on their properties before severe weather arrives. Dead branches, trunk damage, root problems, and structural defects can create hazards that are difficult to recognize from the ground and may become more dangerous when strong winds move through the area.

The best time to identify a tree hazard is before a storm. A routine inspection gives homeowners an opportunity to address damaged or declining trees while weather conditions are stable and professional help is easier to arrange.

"Storm preparation starts before the weather turns. A few minutes spent looking for dead branches, trunk damage or changes around a tree's base can help homeowners spot potential problems while there is still time to address them safely," says Stefano Devigili, President at Grant Brothers Tree Service.

Grant Brothers recommends a simple three-part inspection homeowners can use to identify potential tree hazards:

1. Look up. Check the crown and larger branches for dead, hanging, broken or partially attached



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limbs. Pay particular attention to branches positioned over roofs, driveways, walkways, vehicles and other areas where people or property could be exposed if a limb falls.

2. Look across. Examine the trunk and major limbs for visible cracks, cavities, decay, damaged areas or weak branch attachments. Significant defects can affect a tree's structural stability even when the canopy still appears healthy.

3. Look down. Inspect the area around the base of the tree for exposed roots, disturbed or raised soil, significant changes in the ground and a new or worsening lean. These conditions can indicate changes in the tree's stability and may warrant a closer evaluation.

Trees located near homes, garages, vehicles, utility lines and other structures deserve particular attention. The potential consequences of a failed tree or large branch are greater when the tree can reach people, buildings or critical infrastructure.

Previous storm damage is another reason to inspect trees before the next severe weather event. Split limbs, broken branches and trunk injuries can leave structural weaknesses that are not always obvious weeks or months later. A professional evaluation can help determine whether pruning, removal, structural support or continued monitoring is appropriate.

Homeowners should not attempt to remove large, unstable or difficult-to-reach branches themselves. Tree work involving climbing, chainsaws, power lines or structures can create serious safety hazards. A qualified tree professional can assess the tree and determine the safest course of action.

During severe weather, homeowners should remain indoors and stay away from windows. They should also avoid standing or parking beneath trees during periods of strong wind. After a storm, homeowners should stay away from downed trees and power lines. If a tree or branch has fallen onto a power line, do not approach or move it. Contact the utility company or emergency services as appropriate.

Finding a warning sign does not necessarily mean a tree must be removed. The appropriate response depends on the tree's condition, location, structural defects and potential targets. A professional tree assessment can help homeowners understand the risk and determine what action, if any, is needed before the next severe weather event.

About Grant Brothers Tree Service

Grant Brothers Tree Service is a locally owned, family-operated tree care company serving residential, commercial and government properties throughout Northern Virginia, with locations in Vienna and Chantilly. The company has more than 30 years of combined experience and is licensed and insured. Grant Brothers President Stefano Devigili is an ISA Certified Arborist, and the company has several ISA Certified Arborists on staff. Grant Brothers follows ANSI A300 and ANSI Z133 industry safety standards.

The company provides [tree removal](#), [tree pruning and trimming](#), land clearing, plant care, emergency tree service and stump grinding.

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