

The 3 D's



Dead

Examine the **tree** for signs of new leaves, flowers and fruits. Break off a thin limb to feel if it bends, or if it snaps off the tree with a dry crack. Look inside the limb to determine if the branch is dry or moist; living trees have green, pliable branches.

Look for broken limbs, pieces of bark missing and few leaves.



Damaged

A damaged tree is easy to identify as it will usually involve a broken limb/branch. This could be caused by high winds or the tree coming into contact with another object.

The tree pictured left has a broken limb and has removed the bark for the adjacent branches. Both these would need removing to prevent infection or disease.



Diseased

It's not always easy to tell if a tree has been infected with a disease. A tell tail sign can be leaves with yellow or black spots on them, pictured far left.

A wound that has become infected as the one pictured left is also a sign that a tree has become infected and has tried to repair itself.