

How do I know if my tree is going to fall over
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In the photo above, we can see the result of rot, caused by fungal infection, over the course of time. We can also see the result of (relatively) low crotches, with a lot of weight above the crotch, and the need for cabling (with discretion). In the above photos we see a low crotch, which sustained an untreated wound, into which fungal spores landed and began their work. This damage to the home and the very costly (\$4,000 to \$5,000) removal via crane, could have been easily avoided by (repairing) and sealing the wound proximate to the low crotch (hiring professional tree surgeons/arborists). A cable for \$225 to \$250 may also have been in order as well as thinning and lightening the large, heavy limb (\$400 to \$500) which we can see here has failed; fallen on the home, and now has incurred damages to the tune of \$8,000 to \$9,000 ...all in the name of “saving money”.

The below three photos show the trunk failure of a tree I have been watching (and cautioning homeowner about) for a couple of years since I we work on the street often.







The problem with this tree is that, initially, root-rot began. The tree began to lean progressively, more and more, toward the house. The rot worked its way up the trunk. Fractures began to appear however the homeowner was financially unable to act. The home eventually went back to the bank, and the failure of this tree occurred shortly thereafter, when the home was unoccupied. The tree appears to have fallen over slowly and fortunately in this case there was limited damage to the home. It cannot be predicted how hard or softly a tree will fall when it finally does fall. Had it fallen on vehicles or onto Electric Service Lines, there could have been major damage and inconvenience.

If you have any concerns or inclination that your trees are developing such concerns, White Rock Tree Wizards offers a free initial assessment and consultation. Call White Rock Tree Wizards today for your free, no-obligation assessment/consultation; and a firm estimate of the fees if remedial action is indicated. Call 972-803-6313, or email jim@arborwizard.com, or visit or website at www.arborwizard.com, or just type 'White Rock Tree Wizards' in to your Google, Yahoo or Bing search to find all the online resources regarding White Rock Tree Wizards such as our 'A+' rating with the BBB or our 'A' rating with Angieslist. We look forward to hearing from you soon and to being of excellent service! Thank you!