

Storm Tree Prep Guide

Why Storm Prep Matters

Storms in Louisville can come fast and furious wind, rain, even ice. And your trees? They're on the frontlines. Proper prep can prevent expensive damage, dangerous falls, and unnecessary removals.

1. Inspect for Weak or Dead Branches

Look for:

- Cracks
- Hanging limbs
- Branches that rub against each other

2. Trim Strategically

Prune:

- Long overhanging limbs (especially near your roof or driveway)
- Dead wood or storm-damaged areas
- Dense canopies to allow wind to pass through

Tip: Leave the big limbs to the pros.

3. Assess the Base

Check:

- Soil erosion around the roots
- Mushy, soft ground (sign of poor anchoring)
- Fungal growth near the base (could mean internal rot)

If your tree looks unstable, don't risk it call us.

4. Cable & Brace if Needed

For older or awkwardly shaped trees, adding support helps prevent splits or collapses.

5. Clear the Area

Remove:

- Anything leaning on the tree
- Yard furniture near vulnerable branches
- Hanging decorations or lights wrapped around limbs



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Post-Storm: What to Look For

After a storm, take a slow walk around your property.

Call a pro if you see:

- Trees leaning suddenly
- Splits in the trunk
- Hanging or cracked branches
- Large roots pulling up from the ground
- Limbs touching power lines (DO NOT touch these yourself)

Emergency Services We Offer

- Storm damage cleanup
- Tree removal and hazard takedown
- Cabling, bracing, and structural support
- Full property safety checks
- Insurance documentation

Need a Check-Up Before the Next Storm?

Call New Leaf KY at (502) 419 9899 or visit newleaflouisville.com to schedule your tree safety inspection.

Tree Joke Break

What did the nervous tree say during storm season?
"Im not rooting for this kind of weather."

