

Ice damaged trees need immediate care

Ice storms can do considerable tree damage. Should one hit this winter knowing what to do and how to do it will mean the difference between saving your favorite tree or chopping it up for firewood.

Greatest storm injury is likely to occur on the faster growing trees. These include poplars, maples, willows, black locust, and Chinese and Siberian elms. Stronger species of oak, sycamore, and honeylocust.

of straightening a toppled tree or mending the wounds of broken or split branches, Donald B. Lacey, home horticulture specialist at Cook College, Rutgers University, suggests the following first-aid treatment.

Remove all broken branches. Do all cutting with sharp tools. You may need saws, knives, and wood chisels. Make cuts either at a good side branch or nearly flush with the mother

branch. This avoids leaving "dead end" stubs.

Make smooth, fast-draining wound surfaces. Remove splintered, rough, or loose wood from all parts of any wound with a wood chisel or sharp knife.

Trim off all bark not solidly attached to the wood. Use a sharp knife, exposing uninjured bark on all edges of the wound.

Orange shellac makes a quick, tight seal and will protect the surface of a large wound until the bark grows

over it. A good tree asphalt paint will last longer and prevent rot of the heartwood.

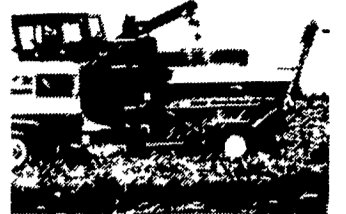
Cover small wounds with orange shellac and paint the heartwood with a good tree paint or linseed oil house paint. Repaint open wounds each year until completely healed.

After the wood has thawed, lift, straighten, and support trees, shrubs, or evergreen trees with wire encased in a hose wherever it touches the bark. Supports should

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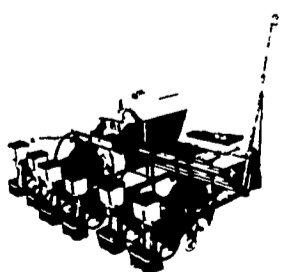
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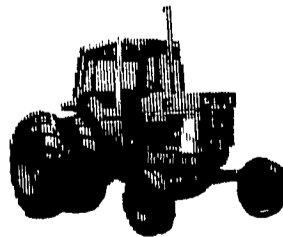
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