

# TREE HAZARD CHECKLIST

## Consider these questions:

- Are there large dead branches in the tree?
- Are there detached branches hanging in the tree??
- Does the tree have cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches?
- Are mushrooms present at the base of the tree?
- Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- Have any branches fallen from the tree?
- Have adjacent trees fallen over or died?
- Has the trunk developed a strong lean?
- Do many of the major branches arise from one point on the trunk?
- Have the roots been broken off, injured, or damaged by lowering the soil level for pavement, repairing sidewalks or digging trenches?
- Has the site recently been changed by construction, raising the soil level?
- Have the leaves prematurely developed an unusual color or size?
- Have trees in adjacent wooded areas been removed?
- Has the tree been topped or otherwise heavily pruned?