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# How tree services can protect your property

Cold weather can take its toll on a property, especially in regions of the world where winters are harsh. Most parts of the landscape are vulnerable to damage from winter storms, but trees may be especially susceptible. By the end of winter, many homeowners wonder if their trees would benefit from some professional TLC.

Tree services provide a host of services. While fall is a popular time to remove trees from a property, doing so in



spring is not unheard of, especially if trees were affected by winter storms and now improvement resource Hopose a threat to a home and the people who live inside it.

Homeowners considering tree services can explore the following ways that some professional arbor attention that. A professional tree sercan protect them and their homes.

• Tree services can help protect a home's foundation. Old trees that stretch well into the sky can be captivating, but they also can pose a threat to a home's foundation. Such trees may have especially large root zones that may extend beneath walkways and even a home. In the latter instance, foundations may residents' ability to see and

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claim to the ground beneath a home. According to the home meAdvisor, homeowners pay an average of just over \$4,000 to repair foundation issues, though major problems can cost considerably more than vice can remove aging trees that might be beautiful and awe-inspiring but still pose a threat to a home and the areas surrounding it.

• Tree services can improve visibility. Trees that have aged a bit since their last trimming might affect the view of a property from inside a home. Overgrown branches can compromise crack as roots try to stake their experience the natural beauty just outside their windows. The average homeowner may be able to trim short trees on his or her own, but if views from the second floor of a home or higher have been compromised, it's much safer to call a professional tree service. Such services have the

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right tools and experienced personnel necessary to safely trim high branches on tall trees

• Tree services can help prevent future damage. Even if trees made it through a recent winter unscathed, that's no guarantee next winter or even the coming seasons of spring, summer and fall won't ultimately prove their undoing. Travelers Insurance notes that weather-related roof damage, including damage resulting from falling limbs and branches weighed down by snow during the winter months, accounted for more than half of all Travelers property loss claims between 2009 and 2016. According to BNC Insurance and Risk Advisors, homeowners may be liable if a tree they knew posed a threat falls onto a passerby or a neighbor's property and causes damage or injury. Having all trees properly trimmed each year, but especially those that can fall on your home and your neighbors' homes, may prevent future damage and legal issues.

Tree services can ensure trees maintain their aweinspiring beauty and help homeowners protect their homes and their belongings. SH192672

## Home and garden improvements that will benefit local wildlife



(StatePoint) When it comes creatures. Because native to changing the world, your plant species are meant to own backyard is a great place thrive in your local climate, to start. As you make home they will require less mainteimprovements, consider their nance, which means a beautiotential to benefit local wild- ful yard with less stress



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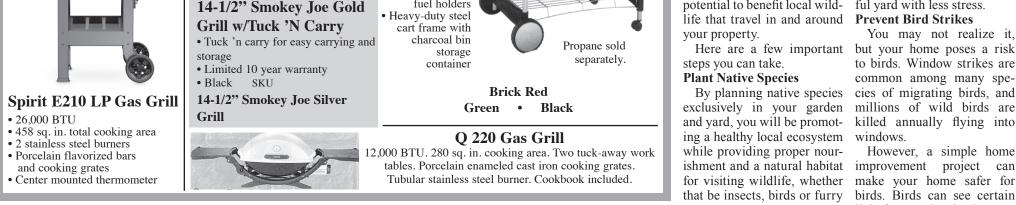
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You may not realize it, to birds. Window strikes are common among many spe-By planning native species cies of migrating birds, and millions of wild birds are killed annually flying into windows

However, a simple home improvement project can make your home safer for birds. Birds can see certain light frequencies that humans can't, so by applying UV decals and UV liquid to your home's windows and sliding glass doors, you can make windows visible to birds in a way that won't obstruct your own view.

"Protecting birds adds beauty to your garden, is good for the environment and most importantly, saves lives," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert, a company that offers UV decals and UV Liquid.

The UV decals and liquid from WindowAlert have been proven to effectively alter the flight path of birds to prevent window strikes. The coating will look like etched glass to the human eye, but be very visible to a bird. As UV reflectivity may fade over time, it's important to replace the decals and liquid every four months. Application techniques can be found by visiting WindowAlert. com.

#### **Build a Bird house**

Add beauty to your yard with a wooden bird house. Find a design you love or get creative and craft your own, using your own home's architecture for inspiration. A strategically placed bird house – either within three feet of a window or over 30 feet away - will help avoid bird strikes.

Be a good neighbor – not just to the other humans. Make improvements to your home that will help protect both local and migratory wildlife.

