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When Trees Attack

"When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder, lions hunker down in tall grasses, and even elephants lumber after safety." --Maya Angelou

Back in March a powerful windstorm knocked over an 80' pine tree near the front corner of my neighbor's house. Due to its position it could have fallen on one of four houses (including mine), two of them right next to it so the amount of open space in which it could have fallen was very small. Fortunately, it fell between two of the houses only damaging a section of fencing. It could have been much worse.

Here are some more examples of damage from trees:

A large rental house caught fire. The fire took out most of the second floor and damaged the rafters. The firefighters had to cut holes in the roof to put it out. The owner boarded up the windows and put a huge blue tarp over the roof. About two weeks later, during a big storm a large tree fell across the back corner of the house and crushed the roof of the attached garage. These two unrelated events occurred within the same month but between them they nearly destroyed the entire house resulting also in loss of use and rental income.



A \$750,000 home had not one but two separate instances of flooding from broken pipes, and then a tree fell on it in the same year.

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