

## Everlast Tree Care Company



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**113 Brookfield Road**  
**Fiskdale, MA 01518**

This letter is being written to address the safety concerns that three large trees pose to the occupants of the house at 113 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale, MA.

Three mature trees with heights of 80-100 feet and diameters of 18-28" are growing along the edge of the swamp and driveway and should be removed not only for their potential to fall on the house, but also because they impede the proper installation of a secure driveway and perimeter drain. The area has water running into the driveway zone. The two trees (one White Pine and one White Ash) that are close to the driveway would have damage done to the root system during installation of a driveway to access their garage. A third tree (a mature White Ash) is growing on the edge of the swamp and shows signs of uprooting. All three of these trees are showing decline syndrome because of their old age and may die within the next few years.

All three trees are showing symptoms of decline syndrome. The 22" diameter White Pine has lost many limbs over past years storms and suffers from needle cast disease. The needles cast a fungus complex which severely reduces the strength of the tree. The two 20" diameter White Ash suffer from Ash decline and may be subject to be inflicted with Emerald Ash Borer that may kill the tree in a few years, due to this insect being reported in the area.

My recommendation is to remove the trees so that they do not pose a threat to the homeowners and to provide a more adequate work area to improve the drainage system. Recommendations for replacement of trees and shrubs would be planting two Red Maples along the edge of the wetland area and several wetland shrubs along the border. These shrubs include: Ilex Verticillata (Winterberry), European Black Alder (Alnus Glutinosa), Cornus Amomum (Silky Dogwood) and Amelanchier Arborea (Downy Serviceberry). The planting of these shrubs would be determined by availability.

Please contact me if further information is needed.

Respectfully,

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