Storm damage needs revitalizing now

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Are you embarrassed when you pull up to your house and still see broken limbs and shrubbery that is in disarray?

If you are, you are not alone. The hurricane and ice storm provided unprecedented damage to plant material, much of which will never come back to form. When planning your new landscape, make sure to inquire about plant material that is rarely susceptible to breakage from strong winds, snow and ice.

Also, learn how you can take preventative measure such as properly pruning and carefully removing ice and snow from small trees and shrubbery so that your landscape investment is secure. Another important spring task is to have a landscape professional investigate your exterior drainage layout to make sure that you do not have clogged pipes, broken leader connections, and that you have an optimal setup to ensure that the next big

storm does not cause water to enter your house. Unless your house has a backup power supply, sump pumps will shut down if you lose power and it is virtually impossible to have someone come out in the middle of a storm to remedy any water that is entering your house.

Contact a landscape professional to ensure that you are as prepared as possible to safeguard your home and exterior landscape investment before the next storm hits. Not

only will you feel more empowered, but you will also have a lot less stress and work the morning after a storm.

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