

TAKE CARE OF YOUR TREES

If you discover damage on a tree's trunk, the first step is to clean the dead wood away with a sharp knife. Treat the exposed wood with a durable insecticide/fungicide, and fill the spot with cement if it is large. Cover the whole area with a commercial tree-coat paint or a flowable plastic roofing tar cement.

If a tree is so badly damaged by a storm or disease that its survival is unlikely, removal is the wisest solution. A slowly dying tree not only is unsightly, but may harbor disease and insects that will threaten other healthy trees.

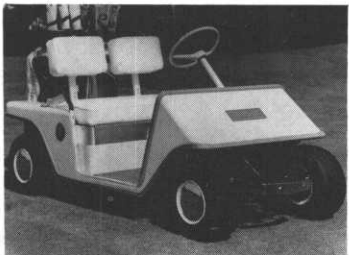
Occasionally, partly split trunks and limbs can be salvaged by drilling holes through them and fastening them back together with through bolts or cable and turnbuckles. This can be a difficult procedure, however, and calls for the services of a trained arborist.

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When working on diseased trees, be sure that all tools are properly treated before they are used on healthy trees. They should be washed in alcohol between jobs and before storage. Also, be sure that infected limbs are removed as soon as possible from the area and burned or deposited in a landfill to avoid the danger of infecting other trees.

TORO ANNOUNCES NEW ALL-HYDRAULIC REEL MOWER

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Toro Company has introduced a golf course fairway mower that the company predicts will set a new standard of precision and ease of operation for turf maintenance equipment.

The new machine, called the HTM-175, is the product of a three-year development program, according to Dennis Brown, Toro's marketing manager for golf course maintenance equipment.

The HTM-175, a diesel-powered, seven-gang all-hydraulic reel mower, was designed, Brown said, "from the ground up" but combines many proven features from the Toro Parkmaster gang mower and the Toro Turf Pro 84 triplex mower.

Brown said the new machine was developed specifically for golf courses whose superintendents strive to maintain all turf surfaces in superb condition... "in other words, all the best courses."

Toro will highlight the HTM-175 at the annual show and conference of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in Atlanta the week of Feb. 4.