

## Reducing Storm Damage to Trees

There are two major steps in reducing storm damage to trees. The first step is selecting the right tree. When purchasing new trees, choose trees with dense, strong wood, which are generally slow growing trees. Slow growth results in a higher percentage of large vessels and thicker cell walls. The wood is more dense and consequently stronger than faster growing trees.

The second step is proper pruning. Remove limbs back to a side branch on the trunk. As a result, these trees are better able to withstand the bending stresses associated with ice and wind storms.