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Snowball Tree Damaged

We had a major storm here in Quebec recently and my Snowball tree has been severely wounded with several limbs torn off and there are gaping wounds where this has happened. What is the best way to deal with this?

David

We've had some wild weather here too. I think the best thing to do with the Snowball tree is to make sure that the tissue around the wound is smoothed so that bacteria and disease don't have a place to take hold, then, let the tree heal itself. The current thinking is that tapes and pastes provide surface areas for more bacteria to thrive. As long as the wound does not circumvent the trunk then the tree will form scar tissue and heal. I hope the tree recovers well.

Good luck,

Donna