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## **Arkansas Forestry Commission Offers Recommendations for Managing Trees Impacted by the Winter Storm**

LITTLE ROCK, AR (January 2, 2013) – The Arkansas Forestry Commission urges residents to use extreme caution when clearing debris from the recent winter storm. Large broken or hanging limbs are dangerous hazards. Even more so when they are near power lines. Tree work should be done only by those trained and equipped to work safely in trees. The International Society of Arboriculture has a certification system for arborists. ISA Certified Arborists are experienced professionals who have passed an extensive examination covering all aspects of tree care. Consideration should be given to an ISA Certified Arborist which has the equipment and know-how to safely remove limbs and save and repair damaged trees. To find a certified arborist in your area, visit the International Society of Arboriculture website at <http://www.isa-arbor.com/faca/findArborist.aspx>. If an ISA Certified Arborist is not available in your area, tree work should be done by an insured worker.

For more information about how to determine if your trees will survive damage from the storm, go to [www.arkansasforestry.org](http://www.arkansasforestry.org) and click on Services and then Community Forestry or contact Patti Erwin at 479-442-4963 or patti.erwin@arkansas.gov.

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