As a result of the recent severe weather, many landowners and homeowners have sustained significant damage to their trees and forestlands. Those who have sustained storm damage to their forests should contact a natural resource professional to assess the damage and develop a plan for restoration and management. Homeowners in municipal areas should contact a certified arborist to assess tree damage, hazards and pruning options.

Kentucky Division of Forestry foresters can assess damage and develop a stewardship plan to help manage short and long-term forest health. Contact the field office that serves the county where your property is located.

Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters (KACF) consulting foresters can provide assistance with salvage harvesting and casualty loss deductions. Visit the KACF website.

University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Extension professionals and associates can help guide you to storm damage resources and assist you with making sound forestry decisions. Visit the Extension website.

Kentucky Arborists Association (KAA) can provide assessment, care and removal of damaged trees in homeowner’s yards. To find a certified arborist in your area, visit the International Society of Arboriculture website, or visit the KAA website.

*If you are contacted by someone offering damage appraisal services, be sure to check their credentials before hiring.

Other Resources
Visit KDF’s website for additional resources in the coming weeks and months to further assist you with restoration and recovery efforts.

Kentucky Division of Forestry is committed to protecting, conserving and enhancing the forest resources of the Commonwealth through a public informed of the environmental, social and economic importance of these resources.

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