How healthy is my tree?  

Your Name: ____________________________  
Tree Species: ____________________________  
Assessment Date: _______________  
Diameter at Breast Height: _______________

Part 1: Canopy

Check the summary that best fits:

- The crown is full with mostly healthy branches and leaves.
- Some dead branches but otherwise tree looks good.
- Several major branches are dead and there are large gaps in the canopy without leaves.
- Most branches are dead and lack leaves.

Other things to look for (check all that apply):

- Leaves that look unhealthy (ex. brown spots, scorching, dull, thinning).
- Branch dieback (lack of leaves near branch tips)

Other notes: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Part 2: Stem

Check the summary that best fits:

- The stem is in good condition (solid, with no visible damage).
- The stem shows some damage (mechanical injury, insect holes, sapsucker wounds) but is mostly in good condition.
- The stem shows lots of damage and is in poor condition.

Other things to look for (check all that apply):

- Insect damage (small, regular holes or tunnels in stem).
- Bark missing from the stem.
- Mushrooms or other fungal growth along the stem.
- Vines growing up stem.

Other notes: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Look up, look down, and all around...
Part 3: Root flare
Check the summary that best fits:
- Visible root flare.
- Root flare not visible (ex. below soil line, buried).

Other things to look for (check all that apply):
- Signs of mechanical damage (ex. from a mower).
- Mulch around root flare.
- Mushrooms or other fungal growth at base of tree.

Other notes: __________________________________________

Part 4: Root space
Check if you see any of the following:
-Exposed roots or eroded soil.
- Area around tree doesn't leave adequate room for roots (ex. paved, building, road).
- Soil around tree is disturbed (ex. shows signs of recent construction).
- Soil around tree is compacted (ex. walking path)
- Soil shows signs of poor drainage (ex. standing water nearby).
- Mushrooms or other fungal growth in root space.

Other notes: __________________________________________

Special Issues

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