Diseased or dying trees

Trees that are diseased or dying can be an eyesore, contagious, and even hazardous. Spotting the signs of a diseased or dying tree:

**Bark abnormalities**
Tree bark should be continuous without deep cracks or holes. When these imperfections are present it could mean the tree is dying or branches can break.

**Leaf discoloration**
Leaves should appear healthy when they are in season. Discolored leaves could be a sign of disease.

**Decay**
Typically trees decay from the inside out. Mushrooms or fungus growing on trees are signs of decay. Wood that is soft or crumbles is also a red flag.

**Dead branches**
They appear dry and will break easily. They should be removed for safety.

**Poor architecture**
If a tree is growing unevenly, is lopsided, or leans too far, it may be a sign of damage.

**Weak branch unions**
When branches grow too close together they may not anchor firmly to the trunk. Bark that grows in between the branches creates a weak, unhealthy bond.

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