

Five checks before you decide to grind a stump

1 Identify the species

Maple, poplar, willow, and tree of heaven resprout aggressively. Pine, spruce, and fir rarely do.

2 Scratch the bark near the cut

Green and damp underneath means the stump is still alive. Brown and dry all around means it is declining.

3 Look for shoots and root suckers

New growth on the stump or within a few feet of it confirms the roots are still feeding.

4 Check what is nearby

Sidewalks, foundations, sewer lines, and fences are where roots cause the most expensive damage.

5 Decide: grind or wait

Strong resprouter near structures, grind it. Dead conifer in a back corner, you can let it rot.

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