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**Dealing with a Declining Tree**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: dealing with a declining tree.

You may notice that a tree in your landscape isn't adding new growth, or just doesn't seem to be thriving.

The tree could be in trouble because of human actions such as excavation or vehicle traffic, which can compact soil or cause damage to roots.

It could have been planted too deeply. This causes a deformed root system, which stresses the tree.

Other causes of tree decline include drought, fungus, and improper pruning.

Sometimes you can't diagnose the problem right away. You may need to call a certified arborist. Diagnosis is often not simple, but an expert can help you save your tree.

Keep an eye on your tree and help it to stay healthy with a proper maintenance routine of water, fertilizer, and pruning.

For more information about declining trees and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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