

I came home to this Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM



This 60 year old Maple tree was one of the reasons I bought the house



Naturally the tree wiped out electricity, phone, and cable.

Just to give you an idea of the size



This is the photo I sent my boss asking if it was a legit reason to take Wednesday off. He said yes.



My driveway, my neighbor's driveway, and all of Midday Drive are completely blocked.



Tree belongs to Brookhaven Township but they won't touch it because of the power lines.

Tree # 2 in the back yard



It was a large cherry tree.



This one is totally my responsibility. Fortunately, no damage to the house. I wish I could say the same for my antennas...





The back tree did this to my Steppir. If I can retract all 3 elements the repair cost will be zero (I already have the replacement fiberglass tube).

Otherwise I will have to replace the reflector ribbon for approximately 50 bucks. I should have retracted the elements prior to the storm.

Total replacement cost of the antenna would be approx. \$3,000. It was \$1200 in 2003.

I had three thoughts in this order:

1. Thank god no-one was injured
2. Thank god the house was undamaged
3. Now what am I going to do for 40 and 80 meters

PSEG says I should have power restored by 9:30
Friday morning August 7

In the mean time I'm staying with Jean in West Islip.