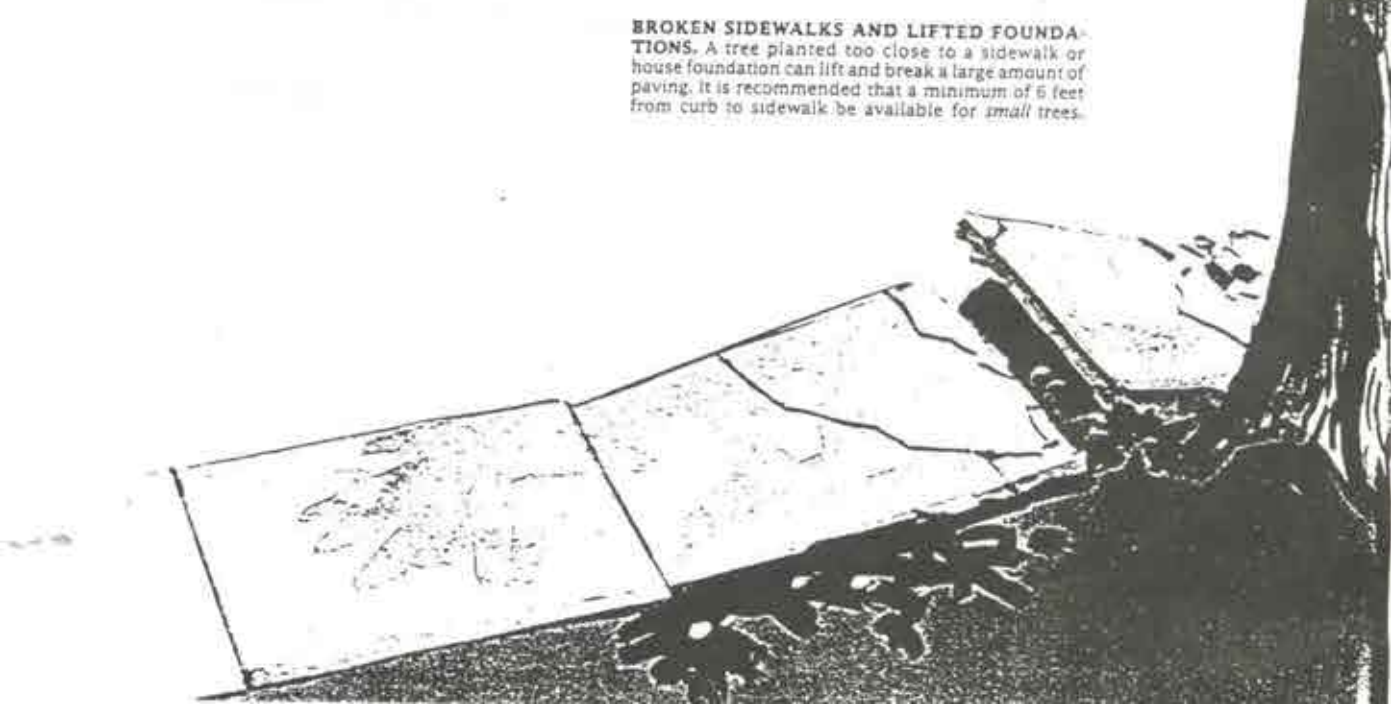



DAMAGE TO HOUSE. A large tree planted too close to your house will often damage the siding, clog or break rain gutters, and loosen roofing. This same tree, if shallow rooted and weak, may fall onto the house causing major damage.

ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS. Many power interruptions on our system are caused by trees, either by limbs rubbing on wires or by outright breakage of lines by trees or large limbs falling on lines. Proper selection and placement of trees can stop this sort of trouble before it starts. For large trees that are already causing such problems, the only solution is pruning or removing.

Problems that can be avoided by selecting the proper tree

BROKEN SIDEWALKS AND LIFTED FOUNDATIONS. A tree planted too close to a sidewalk or house foundation can lift and break a large amount of paving. It is recommended that a minimum of 6 feet from curb to sidewalk be available for *small trees*.





STORM DAMAGE. Large trees with limbs that overhang the power lines often cause a very dangerous situation when these limbs are broken by storms. This problem on primary lines can cause service interruption over a wide area. When a large limb falls on electrical lines, the lines are sometimes broken and fall to the ground. Fallen wires can be very dangerous and should never be touched. Call your Madison Gas and Electric emergency line immediately if you ever find this situation.

DANGEROUS SCREENING. When tree limbs obscure traffic lights and street signs, a dangerous intersection is born. Screening your own driveway in such a manner that you cannot see approaching traffic is a dangerous situation. Also, these same limbs can obscure street lights, reducing the benefit obtained from the lights.

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. When planting a tree be sure you do not dig into or plant too close to buried electric or telephone cables. Gas pipes may also be present under the surface of your property. Remember also that a shallow-rooted tree will often clog sewer lines, causing extensive damage and costly repairs. Tree roots seek out the moisture that is present in these areas. The root system of a tree requires at least as much area as the above-ground portion occupies in the air.

