5 Tips for Staying Safe During Winter Storm Stella Provided by Giroud Tree and Lawn.

Significant tree damage is expected when Winter Storm Stella hits Philadelphia. Giroud Tree and Lawn urges homeowners to take immediate action by following 5 Family Safety Tips including staying clear of downed trees and getting tree inspections after the storm to identify cracked limbs and other safety hazards

Winter Storm Stella is barreling towards Philadelphia. Expected to deliver, heavy, wet snow and high winds, the results could be devastating for trees and property. <u>Giroud Tree and Lawn</u> provides 5 Safety Tips homeowners can take immediately to keep safe during and after the storm.

"Our main concern is family safety," says Lou Giroud, President of Giroud Tree and Lawn and an ISA Certified Arborist. Here are four actions homeowners can take:

- 1. Park cars in an open area away from large trees.
- 2. Do not sleep in a bedroom where a large tree is overhanging the roof until after the storm.
- 3. Gently brush snow off prized, small trees to prevent breakage.
- 4. Stay away from downed trees and limbs which may be tangled in live electrical wires.
- 5. After the storm, get trees inspected for safety. Heavy snow will put an extreme load on trees. Prevent future damage by having an ISA Certified Arborist check for safety hazards like cracked limbs, split trunks, weakened root systems.

By taking precautions before the storm and then having trees inspected after the storm, homeowners have the power to protect family safety and prevent future damage.

About Giroud Tree and Lawn

Giroud Tree and Lawn specializes in tree service, tree removal and lawn care programs that make customers love doing business with the company since 1974. Serving Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties, the company offers professional tree and lawn evaluation, tree pruning, tree removal, insect and disease control, fertilizing, stump removal and traditional and 100% organic lawn programs to keep lawns healthy and green. Giroud Arborists are certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and have the knowledge and experience required to properly diagnose, treat and maintain trees and lawn health. The company is Accredited by the Better Business Bureau and has been awarded the Angie's List Super Service Award® every year since 2005. The "Giroud Treework for Charity" program donates free tree care services to parks, historical sites and other non-profit organizations located in the Company's service area. For more information, visit the company website at http://www.giroudtree.com or call 215-682-7704.