

TREE TIPS FROM THE TREE TOPS

Pruning in a Municipal Setting

Why should I prune?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree is causing site line issues.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Branches are rubbing against cars/hanging too far into the road.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs to be shaped for aesthetic reasons.

When should I prune?

Softwood trees (Ex. pines)	Winter
All other trees	When leaves come out – October (when tree goes dormant)

How should I prune?

A. Look at where the branch attaches to the trunk.
B. Cut back to the node, outside the collar, using three cuts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First cut – undercut away from where you want to prune. 2. Second cut – cut down and away from the tree to prevent tearing. 3. Third cut – make the final cut outside of the tree collar (outside the collar is where the tree would naturally prune itself).

Always keep in Mind

1.	Limit the amount you remove - take off no more than you need to.
2.	There are three things you should remove first before taking live branches: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Broken branches b. Deadwood c. Rubbing branches
3.	Snow load will cause lower branches to hang down low. <i>(Lower than they hang in the warmer months when you will be pruning)</i>