

Pruning

When To Prune

- Best time is when the tree or shrub is dormant. September to December and February to April.
- Do not prune Maple or Birch in early spring. The sap bleed to much and can be a host for moulds and fungi
- Do not prune forsythia, lilac or mock orange in spring or fall you will cut the flower buds off. They should be pruned right after they finish flowering.
- Evergreens and cedars should be pruned in mid May just after the new growth has come out
- It is illegal to prune elm trees between April 1st and July 31st when the Elm Beetle is active.

First Step to Pruning

- Remove any dead, diseased, broken or suckering branches.

Second Step

- Remove any branches that are crossing or rubbing

Third Step

- Prune to desired shape and height.
- Never remove more then 1/3 of the live branches from a tree.

Rejuvenation of Shrubs

- This method is used for overgrown shrubs that are not longer looking heathy
- In early spring before the shrub leafs out pruning to 2-4" inches from the ground
- The following shrubs can handle this type of pruning. Potentilla, Dogwood, Lilacs, Hydrangea, Honeysuckle, Mockorange, Weigelia, Viburnum (Cranberries), and Elders.

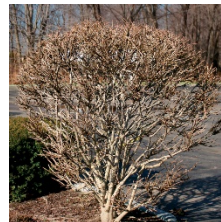


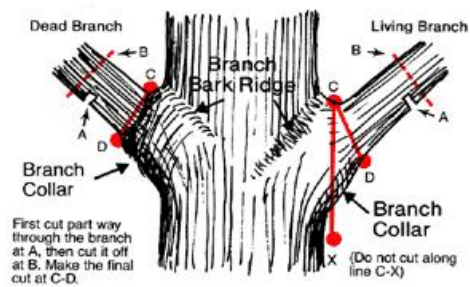
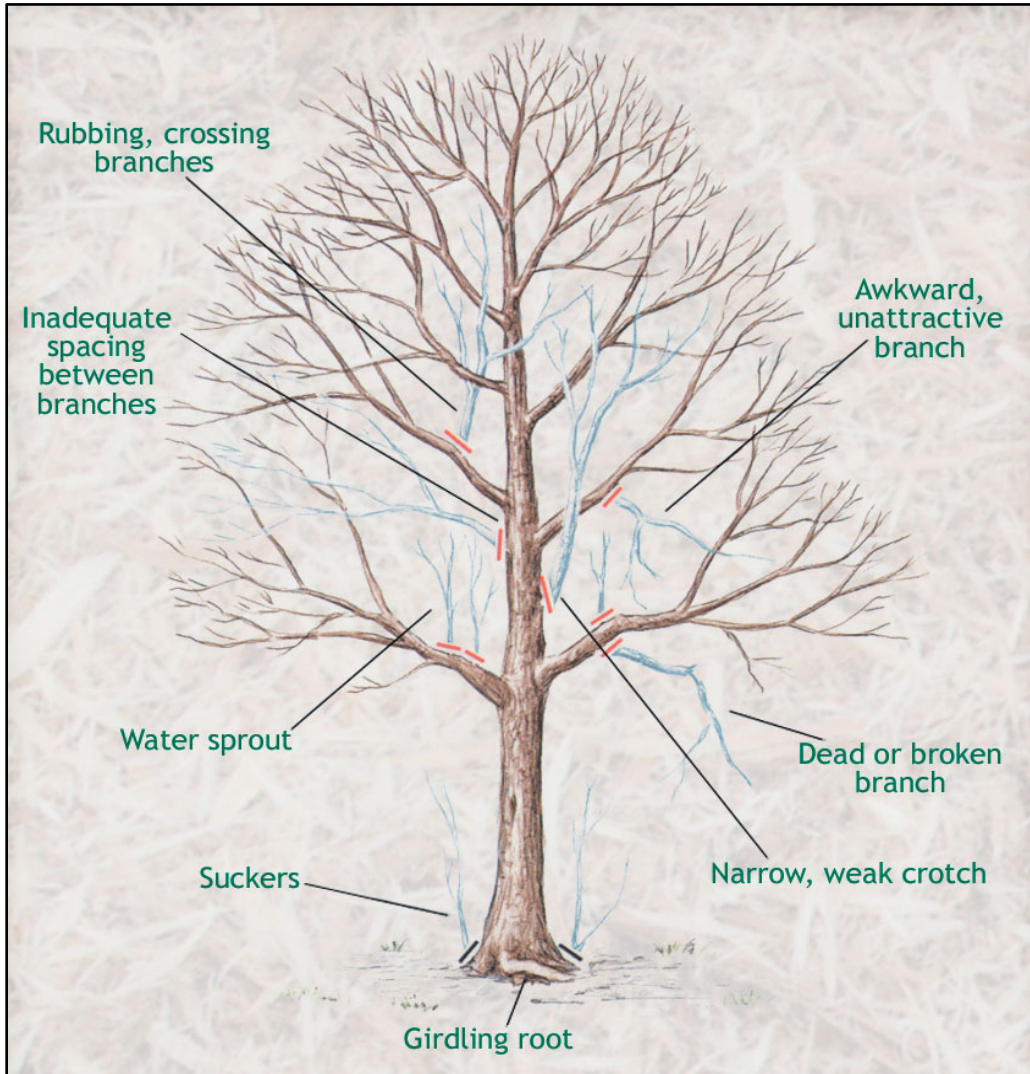
Hedging

- Your hedge can be trimmed for major height reductions during spring or fall but general shaping can be done throughout the season to keep it at the desired height.

Bad Pruning Practices

- Never top a tree
- Never prune shrubs with our thinning out. Just trimming the tips will eventually give you just top growth and very little leaving lower down.





Hardwoods

