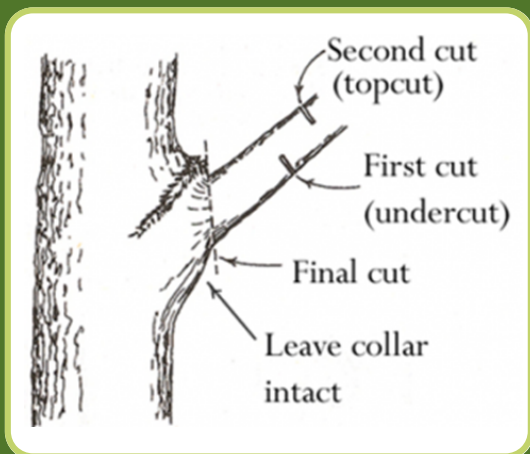


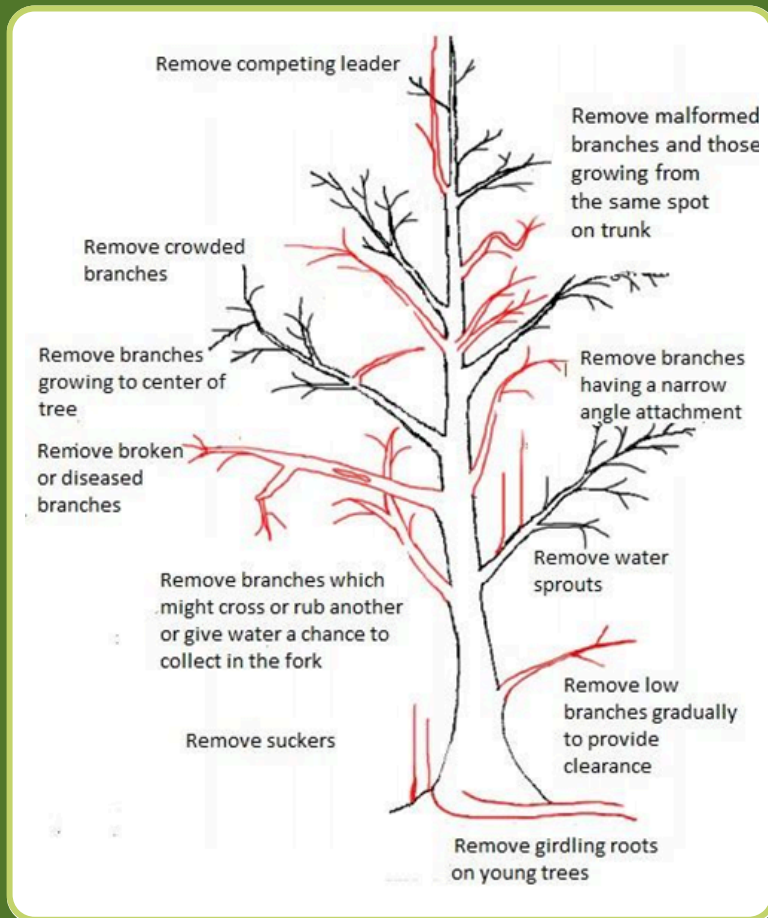
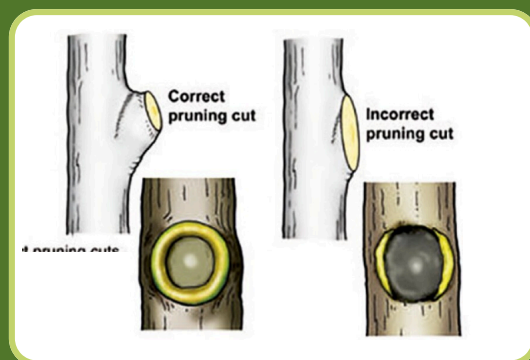
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WHY SHOULD YOU PRUNE? PRUNING ENHANCES SAFETY, TREE HEALTH, AND AESTHETICS!

Use the 3-way cut to prevent bark tear-out.



Correct cuts should heal as a circular "doughnut" around the wound



PRUNING TIPS

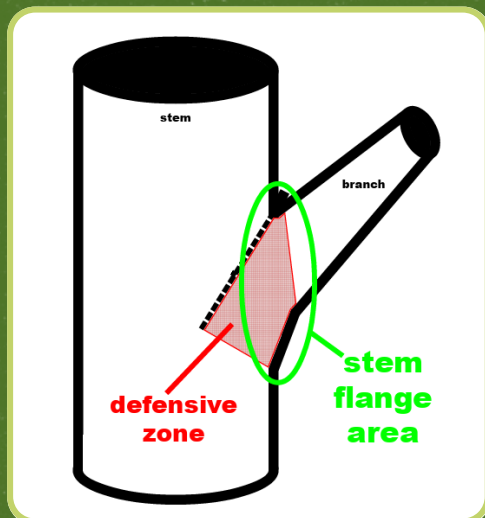
- Never remove more than 25% of the tree's mass per year
- The best times of the year to prune are fall and winter. Early spring is the worst time to prune.
- Keep your tools sharp and sanitize your tool after cutting diseased tissue.
- Do not cut into the branch collar!
- Cut just above nodes such as – branch unions, buds, or branch collars.

! BE WARY OF PRODUCTS TO SEAL PRUNING CUTS. THEY DO NOT HELP THE TREE.

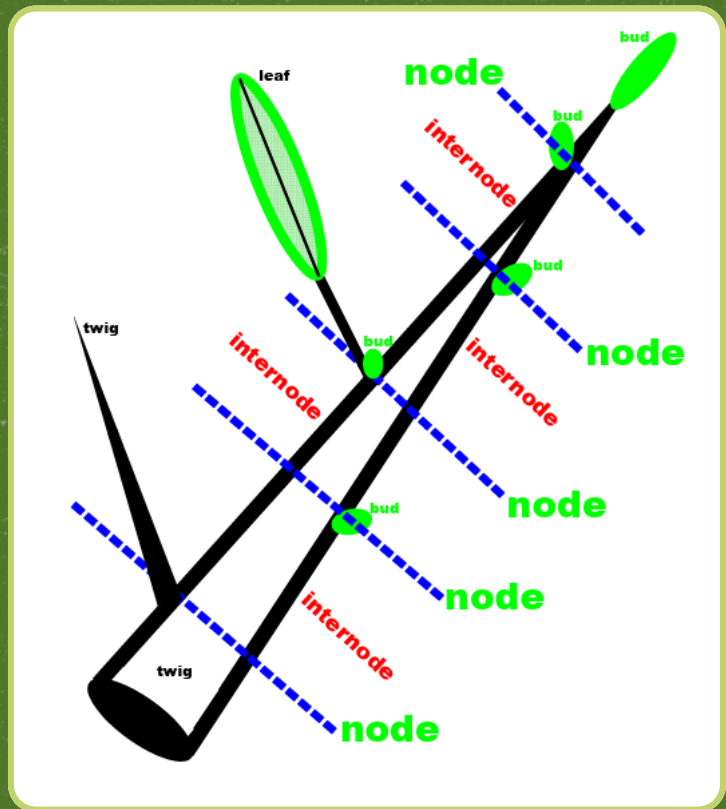
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WHAT IS THE BRANCH COLLAR?

THE STEM FLANGE (BRANCH COLLAR) IS AN AREA TO STAY AWAY FROM WHILE PRUNING. IT SERVES AS A PART OF THE DEFENSIVE ZONE. PRUNING HERE CAN COMPROMISE THE HEALTH OF THE TREE! LEAVING A STUB OR CUTTING INTO THE BARK INVITES BACTERIA AND FUNGI INTO THE TREE.



Nodes are where buds, leaves, sprouts, twigs, or branches are generated.



Stub cuts expose large portions of dying tissue. Flush cuts expose the defensive zone and damage it.

