

# Proper Tree Pruning

## Pruning Guidelines:

When pruning your trees it is important to follow these guidelines to ensure minimal damage to your tree and to allow the best chance to heal.

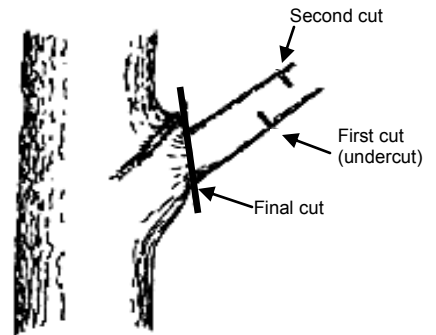
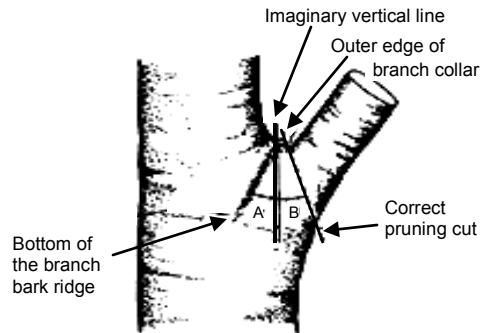
## Best Time to Prune:

The best time to prune trees or shrubs is late winter to early spring, before the leaves break bud. Any time when they are dormant is better than summer months. However, any dead, dying, or broken limbs should be pruned immediately.

Making the proper cut when there is not visible branch collar. If you cannot see the branch collar, the rule of thumb is to make the cut a mirror image of the branch bark ridge. As shown to the right.

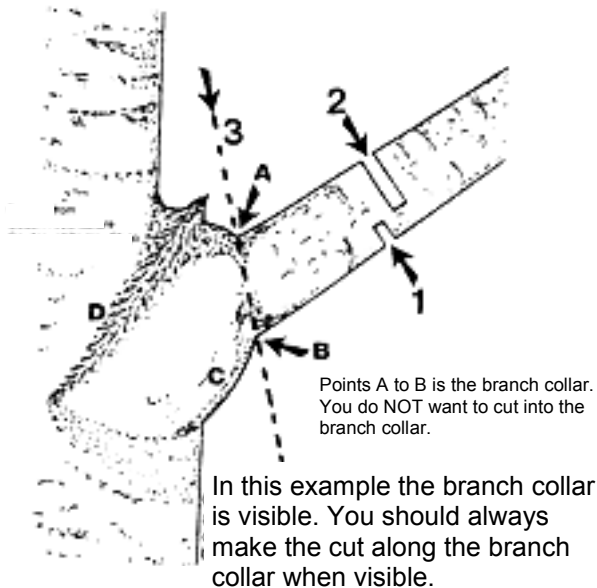
## General Pruning Guidelines

### Pruning technique: branch collar absent



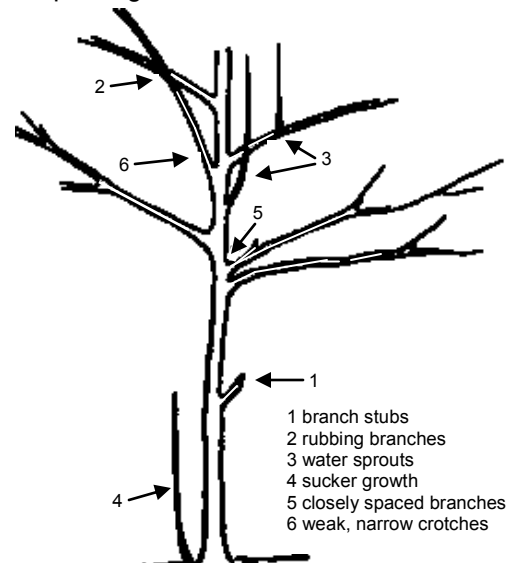
## Pruning Larger Limbs

To prevent further damage, such as tearing, follow these guidelines.



## Pruning Younger Trees

Typically younger trees don't need any pruning. However, here are some conditions you should look for on your young trees. If none of these conditions are present your tree does NOT need pruning.



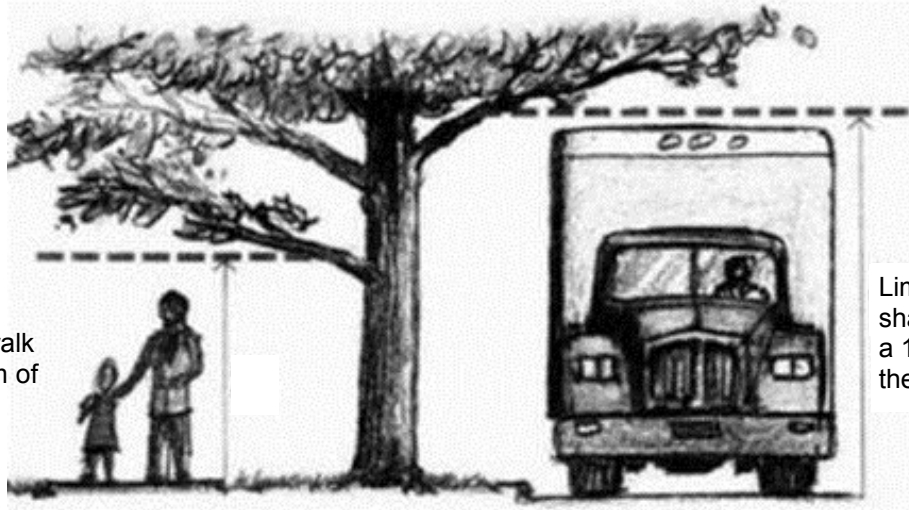
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# City of Pierre Tree Ordinances

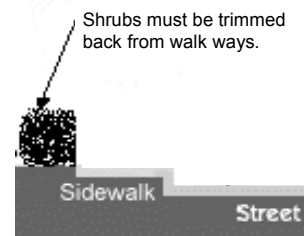
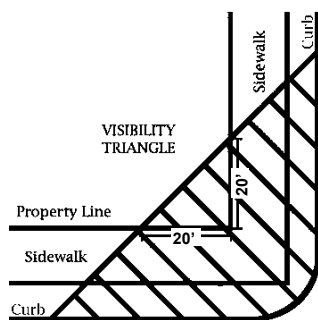
Limbs over the sidewalk shall have a minimum of an 8 foot clearance.



Limbs over the street shall have a minimum of a 12 foot clearance at the curb.

## Section 6-4-104. Trimming of trees required - city trimming at owner's expense.

The occupant of any private premises or the owner of the same if not occupied, abutting on any public street, road or alley within the city shall keep all trees standing upon such premises or between the same and the center of the adjoining street, road or alley so trimmed that no bough or branch thereof shall be lower than twelve feet above the surface of the street, road or alley or eight feet above the surface of any sidewalk thereon and shall keep all such trees trimmed so that no trunk, limb or branch thereof shall in any way or at any time interfere with the movement of delivery, maintenance, garbage disposal, and emergency service vehicles or come in contact with any street lighting, power, or other electrically charged wire when such wires are lawfully strung on posts located on any public street, road or alley or between the lot lines and curb of any street. Said occupants or owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs, which constitute a menace to the safety of the public, and shall trim any tree or shrub which interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or signs; provided that upon the failure of any occupant or owner to trim such trees as in this section provided, the commissioner of streets and public property of the city of Pierre shall have the authority to remove them or cause them to be removed under its supervision, whether such trees be growing on privately owned property or on public property. The commissioner may cause the same to be trimmed and the expense charged to the occupant or owner of such property.



## Section 12-2-114. Requirements for wall, hedges and fences to provide unobstructed view at intersections - exceptions.

Except in districts allowing the construction of buildings or structures to the property line, there shall be provided an unobstructed view across the triangle formed by joining points measured 20 feet distant along the property line from the intersection of two streets or 15 feet along both the street and alley line from the intersection of a street and an alley. Within said triangle there shall be no sight obscuring or partly obscuring walls, fence or foliage higher than 30 inches above grade or in the case of trees, foliage lower than 8 feet. Vertical measurement shall be made at the top of the curb on the street or alley adjacent to the nearest side of the triangle or if no curb exists, from the edge of the nearest traveled way. This provision does not apply to chain link fences, on which no obstructions are attached thereto.