

Our Pruning Standards

Hazard reduction pruning (HRP) is recommended when the primary objective is to reduce the danger to a specific target, such as a house, from clearly visible hazards in a tree.

Maintenance pruning is recommended when the primary objective is to maintain or improve the tree's health and structure, and includes hazard reduction pruning.

Pruning Types

Crown Cleaning consists of selective removal of one or more of the following: weak, dead, dying, diseased branches or water sprouts. The three types of crown cleaning are as follows:

- **fine** - very detailed
- **medium** - 1" or larger
- **coarse** - just the large obvious

Crown Rising involves removal of lower branches of a tree to provide clearance.

Crown Reduction/Shaping consists of decreasing the height and/or spread of a tree. Consideration should be given for the ability of a species to sustain this type of pruning. It bears noting that this method of pruning is not topping!

Crown Restoration improves the structure, form and appearance of trees which have been pruned incorrectly, topped, vandalized or storm damaged.

Crown Thinning consists of selective removal of branches to increase light penetration, air movement, and reduce weight.

Vista Pruning is selective thinning of framework limbs or specific areas of the crown to allow a view of an object from a predetermined point.

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