

# STAYIN' 'SHARP'

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FEATURING:  
TREE TRIMMING TIPS!



# Tree Trimming Tips in Time For Spring!

## DO:

- Ask your arborist or tree care company if they prune according to the American National Standards Institute standard for tree pruning, which is called ANSI A300. This standard recommends, and in some cases requires, that the use of certain tools, cutting techniques and pruning methods be followed, and sets the standard definitions for terms the arborist will use in your estimate. Properly written work estimates for tree pruning should be written in accordance with ANSI A300 standards.
- Remember that poor pruning can cause damage that lasts for the life of the tree.
- Assess your trees after a storm to see if there is pruning needed.

## DON'T:

- Prune without a good reason
- Remove any more than 25 percent of foliage during a growing season.
- Prune a newly planted tree for the first year, unless you are removing dead or broken branches.
- Prune within 10 feet of a utility conductor – leave it to the pros.
- Try to tackle a pruning job that requires a chain saw and ladder work – leave it to the pros.
- Leave branch stubs, or cut off the branch collar (not make a flush cut).
- Climb the tree with climbing spikes
- Use wound paint
- Strip out inner foliage and branches (also called lion-tailing)

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## The Importance of TREE CARE

### Reasons to Prune



#### Aesthetics

Overgrown, unwieldy branches detract from the look of your property

Pruning encourages better production of fruit and flowers



#### Safety

Large branches could crack and fall, injuring people or damaging property

Damage is often much more costly than investing in professional tree care



#### Health

Pruning and trimming encourages healthy and strong tree growth

Dead and diseased branches can make the tree unhealthy

Pruning helps to save a tree instead of it having to be removed

### Guide to Trimming



#### Winter

Most trees are dormant in the winter, making it a good time to prune

Winter pruning encourages new growth in the spring

Have your trees pruned after the coldest part of winter is over

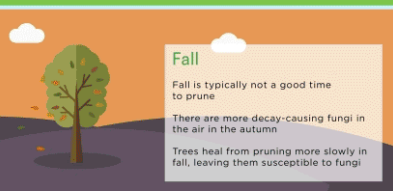


#### Summer

Summer pruning slows down growth of branches you don't want

It's easier to see problem limbs after the growth cycle and remove them

With less leaf surface, the tree makes and sends less food to roots for growth

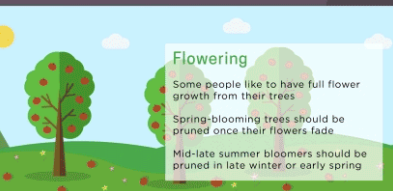


#### Fall

Fall is typically not a good time to prune

There are more decay-causing fungi in the air in the autumn

Trees heal from pruning more slowly in fall, leaving them susceptible to fungi



#### Flowering

Some people like to have full flower growth from their trees

Spring-blooming trees should be pruned once their flowers fade

Mid-late summer bloomers should be pruned in late winter or early spring

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## 6 Items for the Best Pruning and Trimming Results

1. Pruning shears (or pruners, clippers or secateurs)
2. Loppers
3. Pruning saws
4. Hedge shears
5. Pole Pruner

**SHARP TOOLS!!!!**



# **Chocolate Cake! It Must Be Someone's Birthday!**

**Stop by  
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