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Tree Trimming is Now

It is best to prune deciduous trees before they have leafed out for the season. We are experiencing cooler than average temperatures. With that you are able to extend pruning time.

Why is late winter/early spring blooming the best?

- Easy
to
see
branches
without
leaves
obstructing
view
- A
burst
of
energy
is
released
as
they
are
waking
to
heal
the
wounds
faster
- With
fewer
branches
to
push
out
new
growth
you
will

see
a
faster
flush
of
leaves

Trees to be trimmed now (to name a few):

Apple
Cherry
Pear
Peach
Plum
Grapes (may bleed, but will not harm vines)
Spruce
Fir
Pine
Juniper
Yew
Maple (may bleed, but will not detrimentally hurt tree)
Mountain Ash
Hawthorn

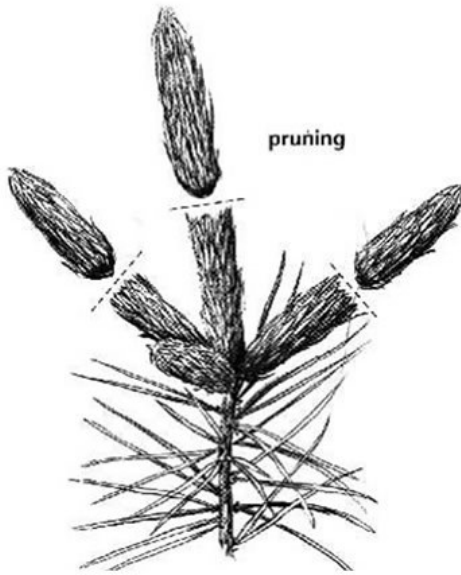
Trees that should NOT be trimmed now:

Oak
Lilac
Flowering Dogwood
Any other variety that blooms on new growth (typically spring bloomers)

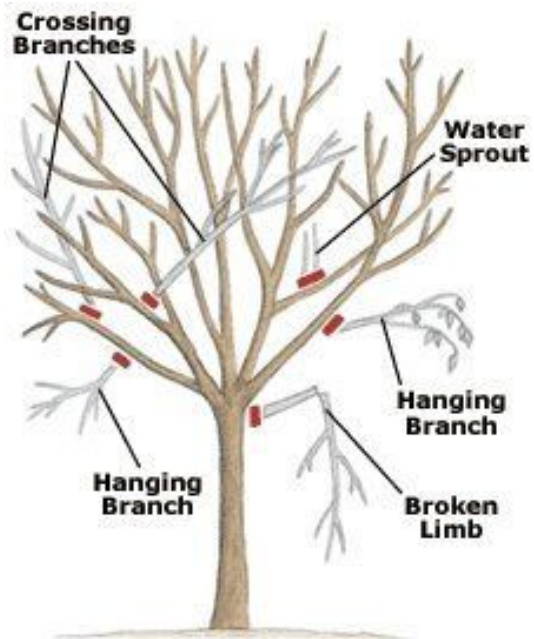
Note for pruning Pine:

Do not prune Pines below the candle (new growth) for the season. New growth with **not** emerge below the candle. Once the candles are removed the tree/shrub will not get any height beyond that point.

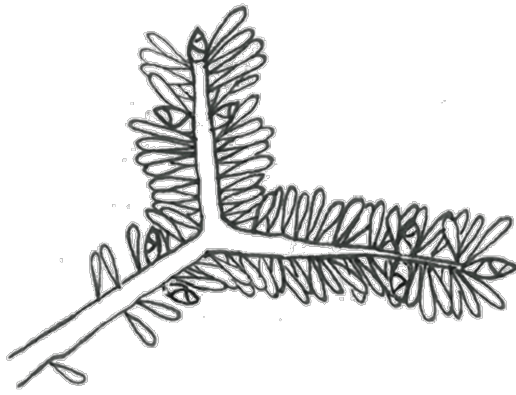
Candle Pruning



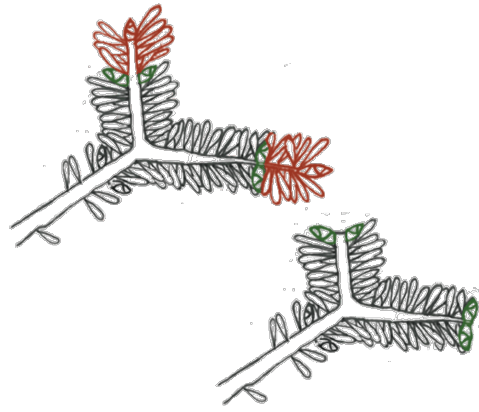
Pine Pruning Photo: Wilsons Orchard



Deciduous Tree Pruning



Evergreen Pruning Photo: Johnsons Nursery



*Head back new growth just before a lateral bud.
New growth only. Never prune the leader.*

2019 Dirty Dozen

Every year the non-profit Environmental Working Group, EWG, checks produce for acceptable levels of residual pesticides. Using 40,900 samples for 47 different types of produce, the EWG found these twelve (Dirty Dozen) had the most pesticide residue.

The silver lining out of the 2019 "Dirty Dozen" is that most of the produce can be grown in your backyard!! Not only can you create a more healthy lifestyle from the physical side of gardening, but you can also control what chemicals you are using on your garden. WIN WIN!

It saddened us to see Spinach and Kale toward the top of the list. Both Kale and Spinach are the healthy powerhouses of the leafy salad types. We won't stop enjoying them, but will definitely be making space for them in our home gardens.

Dirty Dozen

1. Strawberries
(4th year in a row)
2. Spinach
3. Kale
4. Nectarines
5. Apples
6. Grapes
7. Peaches

8. Cherries
9. Pears
10. Tomatoes
11. Celery
12. Potatoes

Clean 15

1. Avocados
2. Sweet
Corn
3. Pineapples
4. Sweet
Peas
(frozen)
5. Onions
6. Papayas
7. Eggplants
8. Asparagus
9. Kiwis
10. Cabbages
11. Cauliflower
12. Cantaloupes
13. Broccoli
14. Mushrooms
15. Honeydew
Melons

Pro Tip: Lower rates of pesticides will be found in produce where the skin or rind is removed prior to consumption.



Finding New Homes

Even with the cooler weather, our plants have already been finding new homes! Most of what we have in **now** are specialty plants we can only get in once per season. We have grown the bulk of our current stock of **annuals** and **perennials** from bareroot or plug and because of space reasons, we only do that once. We will be looking more fully stocked towards the end of April and we can't wait!



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