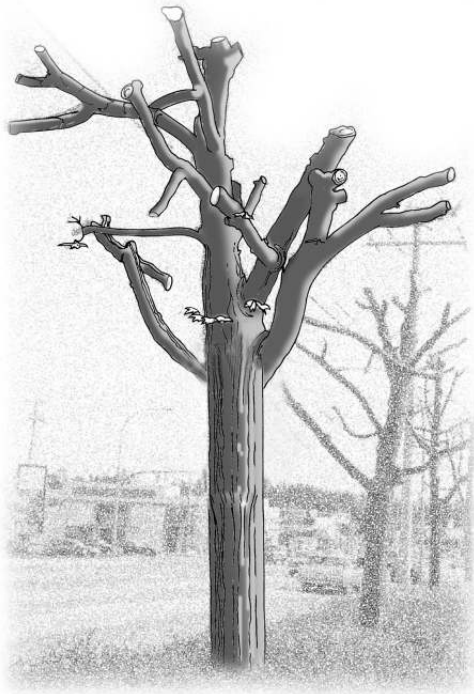


# It's a 'Growing Problem' in Our Community!

## REALLY BAD HAIRCUT!



Stub ends are a sign of poor pruning.

This kind of pruning destroys the health & beauty of the tree.

The tree retaliates by producing an unruly crop of weakly-attached watersprouts, prone to disease and breakage.

The tree ends up looking even bulkier than before; it soon needs re-pruning.

Disease enters via the stub ends, making the tree a short-lived and potentially dangerous one.

## REALLY BAD HAIR DAY!



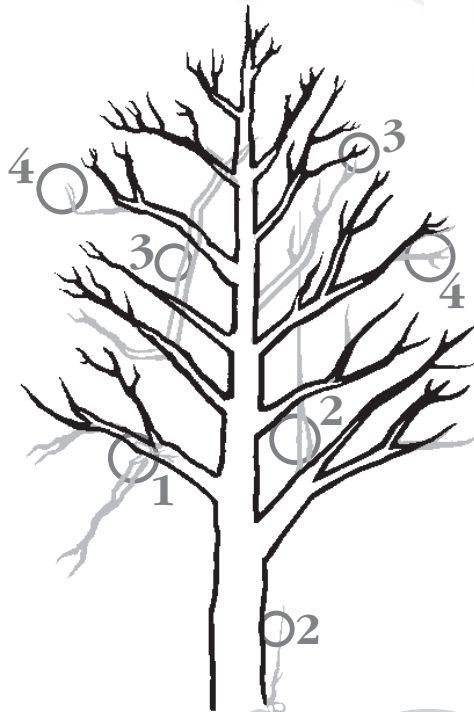
## Prune It Right! Here's How!

Make mostly thinning cuts (*removal of branches right back to the parent branch or trunk*)

Make very few heading cuts (*shortening of branches*) and only on slender branch tips. Avoid creating stub ends.

If a branch is growing into your eaves or your view, don't shorten it, remove it!

Make your cuts just beyond the branch collar (*a slight thickening where the branch joins its parent branch or trunk*). Flush cuts destroy the tree's healing zone.



## Prune It Right! Four Easy Steps!

1. Remove dead or damaged branches.
2. Remove suckers and watersprouts.
3. Remove badly-placed branches
  - crossing or rubbing each other
  - growing into centre of tree
  - growing into walkways or roof gutters
  - blocking light or view
4. If desired, trim slender branch tips a few inches, to a bud or parent branch.

Now stand back and admire the great haircut! Your tree will look airy and graceful...and your pruning job will stay done much longer than stub-end pruning

# PLEASE! Prune It Right!

Trees add beauty and value to your home. Protect your investment with proper pruning. To learn more, consult your local Library, Bookstore, Nursery or trained Arborist

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