



- **PRUNING TOOLS - A Brief Overview**
- **EVERY CUT MATTERS - Have a purpose**
- **The Six “D’s” of Pruning: ©**
 - **Dead**
 - **Diseased**
 - **Damaged**
 - **Duplicate**
 - **Distorted**
 - **Directionally challenged**
- **THIN SPURS AS NEEDED**
- **PRUNE FOR LIGHT & AIR**
- **WHEN IN DOUBT, THIN IT OUT**
- **LET THE TREE BE YOUR TEACHER**

- **ASSESS THE TREE BEFORE YOU PRUNE**

- **Note obvious flaws**

- **Prune, then move**

- **Repeat the above, over and over**

- **Prune conservatively.**

- **Limit live wood removal to 20%**

- **PRUNING CUTS:**

- **“THINNING”**

- TAKING OFF A WHOLE BRANCH**

- **“HEADING”**

- TAKING OFF PART OF A BRANCH**

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