

## PRUNING

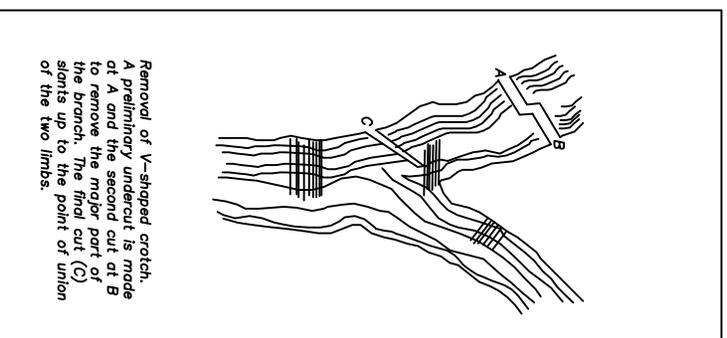
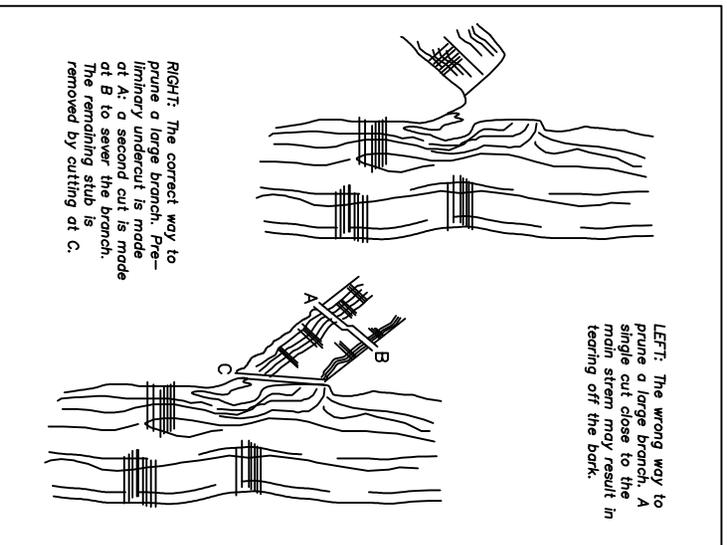
Most trees require some pruning to control growth and adapt them to particular landscape uses. Proper pruning will control branch height, symmetry of the crown, crowding of main branches, and will eliminate weak crotches. Trees are also pruned to prevent property damage. During construction work the primary purpose of pruning is to preserve the health and vigor of the tree. During pruning, appearance should also be considered.

### EXCEPTION:

Pines should not be pruned other than to remove dead, diseased, or hazardous branches.

The following guidelines are suggested to encourage the healthy survival of trees retained.

1. Remove dead, dying, or unsightly tree parts.
2. Remove sprouts growing at or near the base of trunk.
3. Remove branches that grow toward the center of the tree.
4. Remove crossed branches.
5. Remove V-crotches. If possible to do so without ruining the appearance, remove weakest member forming the V.
6. Remove "Nuisance" growth, cut out branches that are likely to interfere with electric or utility wires. Remove branches that shade street lights or block the view in streets.
7. Properly prune lower branches that may interfere with machinery to avoid broken and damaged limbs.
8. All roots measuring 3" or greater in diameter should be pruned clean with no jagged/shredded ends.
9. Utilize compact machinery around treed areas to minimize disturbance to tree trunks and roots.
10. See ANSI A300 Standards for more information.



## PRUNING OF LARGE BRANCH

## REMOVAL OF V-SHAPED CROTCH

REVISION DATE:

10/17

**TRANSPORTATION  
TECHNICAL  
MANUAL**



**Hillsborough  
County Florida**

**TREE PROTECTION  
TYPICAL DETAILS**

DRAWING NO. **TD-16**

SHEET NO. 5 OF 7