

R.O. Landscape and Tree Service, LLC  
Pruning Standards and Specifications

All pruning is done in accordance with American National Standards Institute A300 publication (ANSI A300) and ANSI Z133 Safety Standards.

Pruning Objectives shall be established prior to beginning any pruning operation. Objectives include risk reduction, health management, clearance, structural improvement/correction, view improvement, aesthetic improvement and restoration.

- Not more than 25% of foliage should be removed within an annual growing season.
- Pruning cuts shall be made in accordance with natural target pruning method.
- Topping and lions tailing is considered unacceptable pruning practices for trees.

Pruning Methods

- Structural-selective pruning to improve tree and branch architecture for young and medium aged trees.
- Crown cleaning-selective pruning to remove dead, diseased, and/or broken branch.
- Crown thinning-selective pruning to reduce the density of live branches.
- Crown raising-selective pruning to provide vertical clearance.
- Crown reduction-selective pruning to decrease height or spread.
- Crown restoration-selective pruning to re-develop structure, form and appearance of severely pruned, vandalized or damaged trees.
- Hazard reduction pruning-selective pruning for structure clearance and visible hazards.

