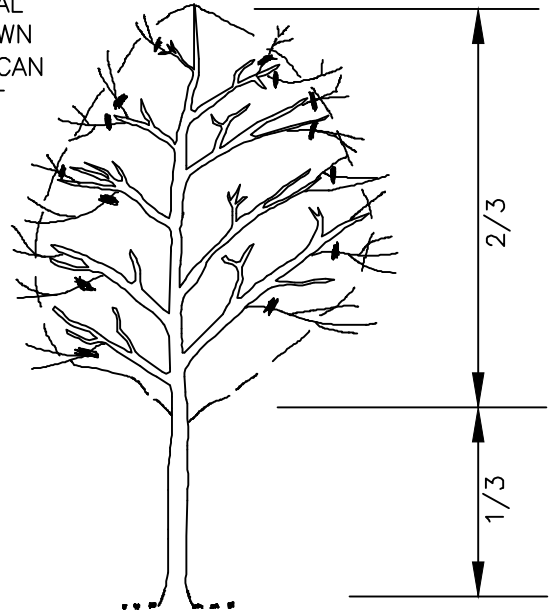
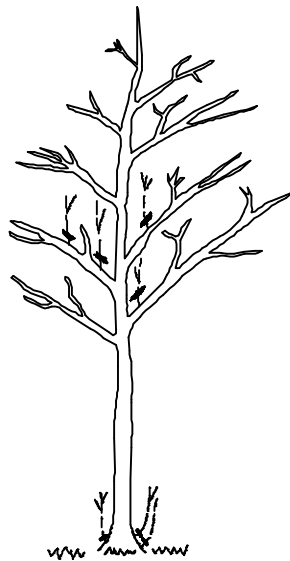


NEWLY PLANTED TREES ARE PRUNED AND TRIMMED TO RETAIN THEIR NATURAL FORMS. ONLY DEAD, BROKEN OR DAMAGED LIMBS SHOULD BE REMOVED AT THE INITIAL PLANTING.

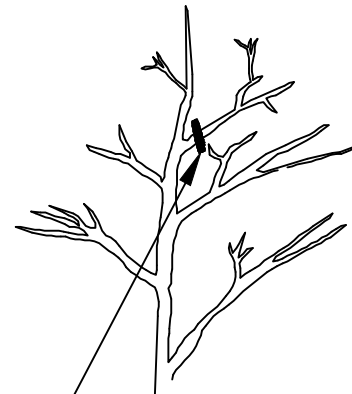
INGROWERS, PROTRUDERS AND CROWN RATIO

WHEN A CROWN IS DENSE, LOOK FOR LIMBS THAT TURN INWARD, AND THOSE THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE "NATURAL" OUTLINE OF THE CROWN. PRUNE AT THE TRUNK OR DOWN TO AN APPROPRIATE LATERAL BRANCH. OVER-PRUNING CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN KILL YOUR TREE. ALWAYS MAINTAIN AT LEAST $\frac{2}{3}$ OF THE TREE AS THE LIVE CROWN.



WATERSPROUTS AND SUCKERS

THESE "PARASITE" SPROUTS CAN OCCUR AT THE BASE OR INSIDE THE CROWN. THEY ARE RAPIDLY GROWING, WEAKLY ATTACHED AND UPRIGHT. USUALLY THEY USE MORE ENERGY THAN THEY RETURN TO THE TREE. IT IS BEST TO REMOVE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN IT IS OBVIOUS THEY ARE VIGOROUS SPROUTS.



DOUBLE LEADERS

PROTECT THE LEADERS FROM COMPETITION. IN TREES WITH CO-DOMINANT LEADERS, REMOVE THE ONE WITH A CROOK OR OTHER DEFECTS, OR THAT CREATES A LOP-SIDED APPEARANCE.



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