

Tips for proper tree pruning



'Tis the season to begin lining up those pruning projects while the trees are still dormant. March is almost upon us.

Pay attention to bud swelling on your trees. It is best to start pruning right before the buds begin swelling and the trees leaf out. Why? Pruning leaves an open wound. The smaller the limb removed, the faster the healing begins.

In fact, one of the best practices is to remove any limbs when the limb is less than an inch thick. The open wound created by the removal of the limb will heal over more quickly rather than waiting until the limb is 10 inches in diameter.

The best pruning tips for keeping trees healthy are the following:

1. Remove any rubbing or crossing limbs.
2. Remove any diseased limbs.
3. Remove any broken limbs.
4. Remove any dead limbs.

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