Pruning

Knowing how to prune can be tricky, it’s really an art. Always keep in mind how the tree or plant will grow and develop over time.

Proper pruning of the plants and trees in your yard will help make your yard a beautiful, welcoming, and productive landscape.

When is it the best time to cut?
• Ideally, it’s best to prune your plants in the cold season when your plants go into dormancy, if they go into dormancy.

What to prune:

- **SAPLINGS**
  • Prune these saplings so the plant can focus its energy to growing new leaves

- **CLOSE BRANCHES**
  • Prune branches that are too close

Optional: Limbing/Thinning

• By limbing up trees & shrubs it allows an increase in growing space and add levels as a new dimension to appeal, and veggie production.

Keep in mind when cutting:

• Don’t cut too high above a bud/branch
• Be sure to cut at a 45° angle

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Not too close to a bud or it will dry out & kill the bud

The plant will now divert energy and grow a branch in this direction.

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