



**Objectives:** Reduce conditions in the tree that could place people or property at risk.

**Execution:** Remove dead, dying, diseased, and broken branches and suckers at the base of the tree. Specify that dead branches more than a certain diameter should be removed from the tree. For example, you might decide to remove dead branches that have a diameter of one inch or greater knowing that smaller ones pose less of a danger. Remove or shorten branches with cracks. Shorten or remove limbs with bark inclusions by removing lateral branches toward the end of the limb.

**Further information:**

- 1) Gilman, E.F. 2002. Illustrated guide to pruning, second edition. Delmar Publishers, Albany, NY. 330pp.
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