

Pruning to Improve Young Tree Structure

1 Remove broken branches.

2 Select central leader and remove competing leaders.

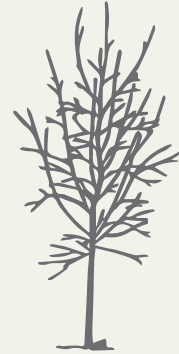
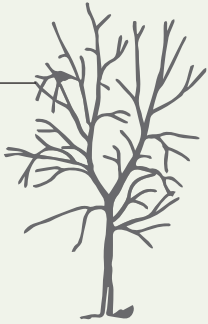
3 Select lowest permanent branch.

4 Select scaffold branches.

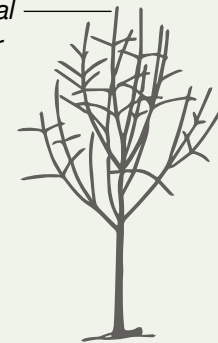
5 Select low temporary branches. Cut back and leave as temporary.

BEFORE PRUNING

1 Broken branch

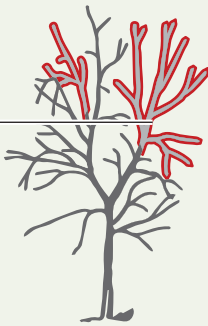


2 Central leader

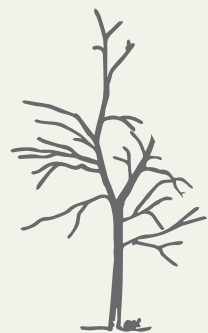


WHAT TO PRUNE

Competing leader



AFTER PRUNING



4 Scaffold branch



5 Temporary branch



3 Lowest permanent branch

NOTE: 1. At the time of planting, limit pruning to removal of broken, dead, or diseased branches only.

2. Young Tree Structural Pruning is to occur only after trees establish and resume normal growth rates following planting.