

# Tree Trimming Guide



## City of Rochester Hills

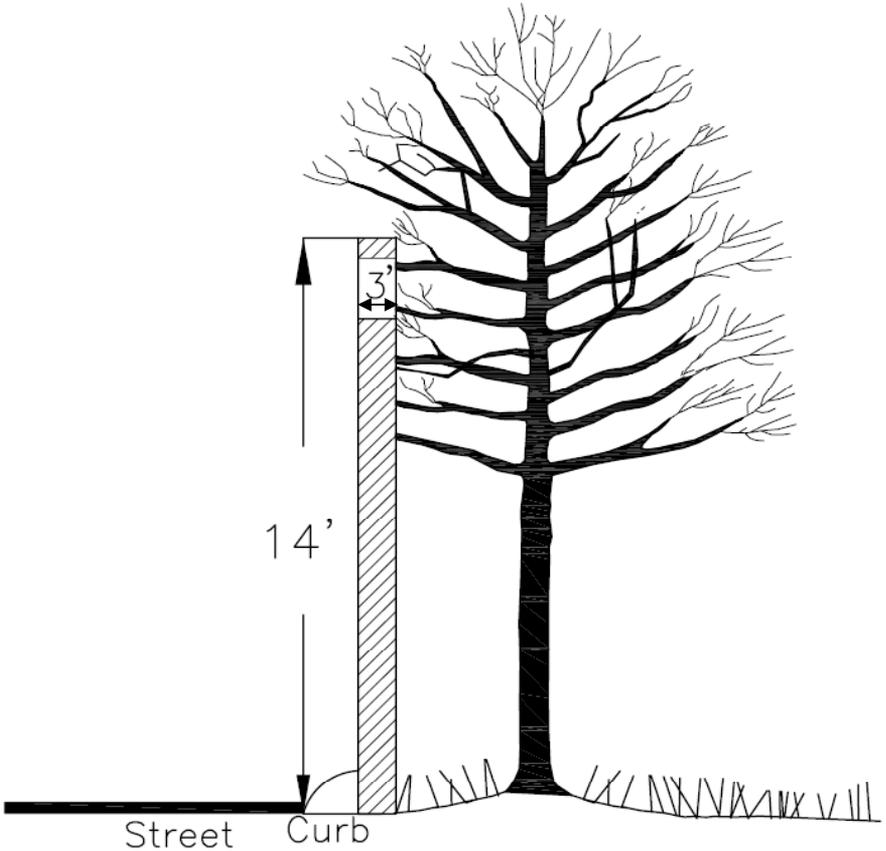
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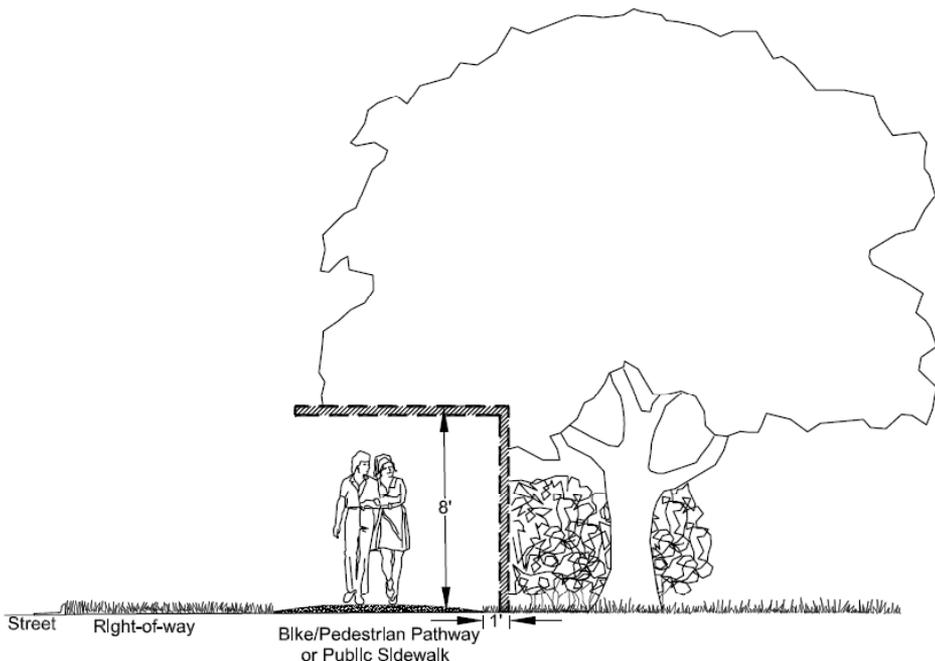
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# STREET CLEARANCE TRIMMING SPECIFICATIONS FOR TREES/SHRUBS PERFORMED BY THE FORESTRY DIVISION



- The cross-hatched area indicates the minimum amount of clearance that is required for streets.
- It is not always possible to allow trees to keep their natural shape in an urban location. Sometimes it is necessary to modify it by trimming to adapt them to the space they occupy in relation to other components of the infrastructure. Overall tree shape will be taken into account as much as possible.

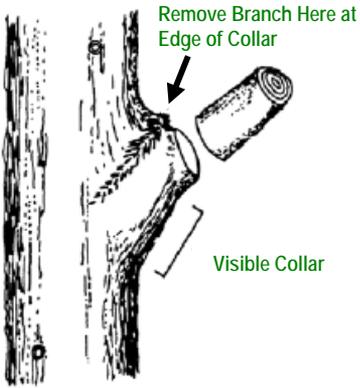
# BIKE PATH/SIDEWALK TRIMMING SPECIFICATIONS FOR TREES/SHRUBS PERFORMED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER



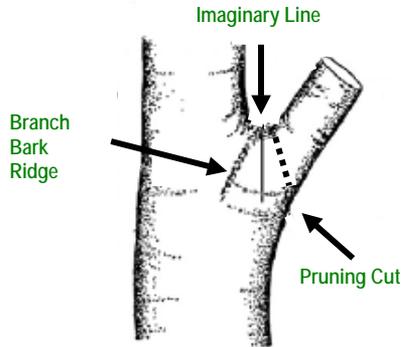
- Property owners must maintain private trees/shrubs at least 1' off the edge of the bike path or sidewalk to a height of 8'. If not maintained by the property owner, city crews are authorized to trim to a distance of 3' off the edge to a height of 10'. The city may assess the cost of the work to the property owner.
- New plantings can be no closer to a bike path or sidewalk than the following distances:
  - 5' for high-branched trees (shade trees) and shrubs.
  - 10' for low-branched trees (evergreens and ornamentals).
- A permit is required for planting in the city right-of-way (available free from the Forestry Division).

# PROPER PRUNING DETAIL

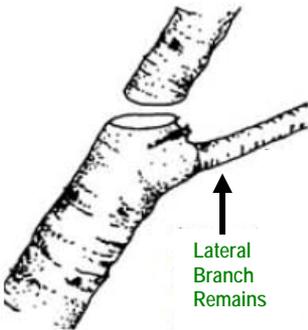
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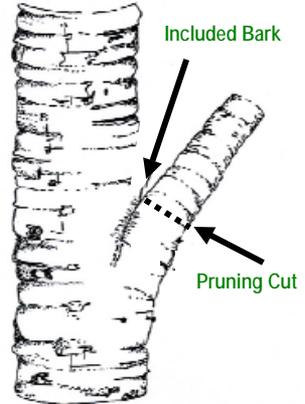
### No Visible Collar



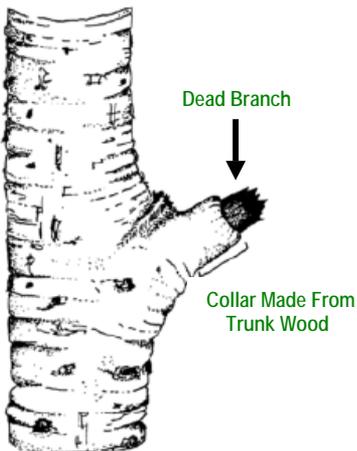
### Cutting Back to a Lateral



### No Collar and Included Bark



### Before Pruning Dead Branch



### After Pruning Dead Branch

