Define Pruning Specifications

- Structural Pruning: small trees 6’-12’
- Crown Cleaning
- Crown Raising
- Crown Reduction
- Clearance Pruning
Pruning Types:


Pruning:
Raising/Clearance

Terms:
- Different Terms I've seen
- Complete Tree/Full Tree?
- Maintenance Pruning?
- Deadwood only? Showy Deadwood?
- Hazardous Deadwood?
- House/Building clearance?
- Selective Pruning?
- Crown Raising?
- Spot Pruning?
- Round Over/Reduction Pruning
Structural Pruning:

- Defined as: Pruning that influences the orientation, spacing, growth rate, strength of attachment, and ultimate size of branches and stems resulting in a strong tree.
Structural Pruning:

Set Up For Success:

Results of Poor Structural Pruning.
Pruning Biology:

How Much to Prune
- depends on
  - size, species, age
  - pruning objectives
- things to remember
  - keep tree or leader from several smaller
    secondary lower from new larger wound
  - maintain an even distribution of foliage
    throughout the crown - several feet wide
  - mature trees require little routine pruning

Production Pruning:
Project Planning
Larger pruning projects: 3 days or more.
Pre-project meeting.
Personnel.
Equipment.
Goals.
Site preparation.
Post project review.

Project Planning:

Job Brief:
Production Pruning: Climbing

- Are we trained on pruning type?
- Are the pruning specifications clear to the crew and client?
- Do we have the correct equipment? (e.g., Pole tools, aerial platforms, etc.)
- Has the work been properly planned out on the front end?
- Have realistic goals been set to the crew(s)?