

Can I Prune a Public Tree?

Inform

Boulevard trees are public property and Rochester Parks and Recreation maintains public trees. Please let us know of any high risk problems with any boulevard tree. If cuts larger than 2" in diameter are required, an ISA certified arborist must perform the work.

Work must be reported to ForestryService@rochestermn.gov

Training

With training residents are allowed to remove small limbs up to 2" in diameter if they affect use of your property or sidewalks. Only hand tools are allowed for use in the Public ROW, clearance not exceeding 8 foot over the sidewalk space.

Proper Cuts

All proper tree care conforms to ANSI A300, including;

- Oaks and Elms only prune between Nov 1 and April 1
- Do not cut into the branch collar. No flush cuts
- If the goal is to shorten a branch cut back to a lateral limb
- Keep your feet on the ground and don't cut above your head
- Use the 3 cut method to allow for the best final cut
- Trees planted in the past 3 years cannot be pruned

Contact Info

- Rochestermn.gov
- 507-328-2515
- ForestryService@rochestermn.gov

Where To Cut

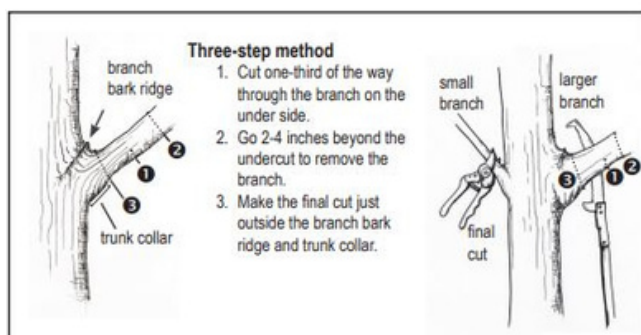


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Useful Resource:
Tree Owners Manual
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DO_CUMENTS/stelprdb5368392.pdf

