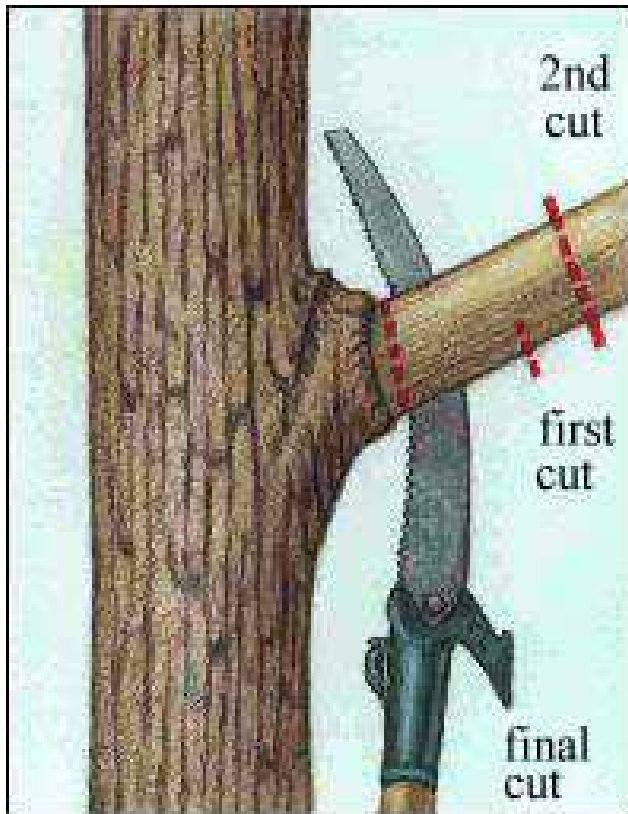


Proper Pruning of Large Limbs

Unless care is taken, a large pruned limb can strip bark below the pruning cut as it falls. This won't happen if you follow these three steps.



First Cut: Cut part way through the branch from beneath at a point one or two feet from the trunk.

2nd Cut: Make a second cut on the top of the branch, at a distance of $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the diameter of the limb from the first cut. This should allow the limb to fall from its own weight and be safely removed.

Final Cut: Complete the job by making a final cut next to the trunk, just outside the branch collar and bark ridge.