

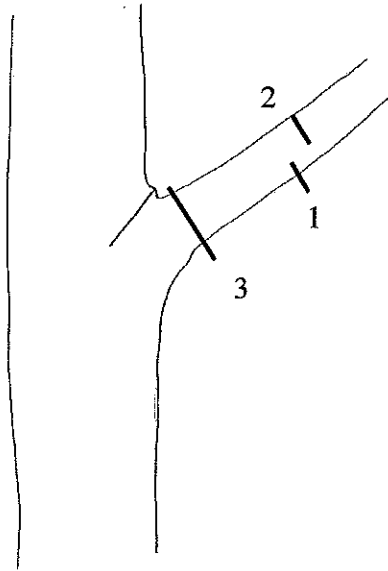
# Proper Pruning Cuts

Remove as much of the limb wood as possible without cutting the trunk wood!

**Cut 1 Under cut:** Under cut 1/3 of the way through the limb.

**Cut 2 Top cut:** Move out the branch from the under cut a distance equal to 1/3 the diameter of the limb and cut down until the branch falls off.

**Cut 3 Final cut:** Begin final cut just outside the branch bark ridge and finish just outside the trunk collar swell. If trunk collar swell is not visible, begin cut just outside the branch bark ridge and cut 90° to the limb. If branch angle is too tight to get the saw between the trunk and branch start from the trunk collar swell and cut to just outside the branch bark ridge.



## Cut to Subordinate a Limb

The cut must be made at a lateral at least 1/3 the diameter of the limb being cut!

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**Cut 3 Final cut:** Begin final cut just outside the Branch bark Ridge and cut down and away.

