

Pruning Mature Trees

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Why do we think that trees "need" pruning? What can we learn from the ways trees manage themselves?

I will discuss the history of pruning mature trees, considering recent research and new thinking, as well as traditional methods.

I will focus on management pruning of old large trees in urban settings. I will address some of the issues that can arise when the tree has humans, other than arborists, who are vested in the tree for one reason or another.

Several case studies will be part of my presentation and I hope to stimulate discussion and leave participants still thinking about this subject when they get home!