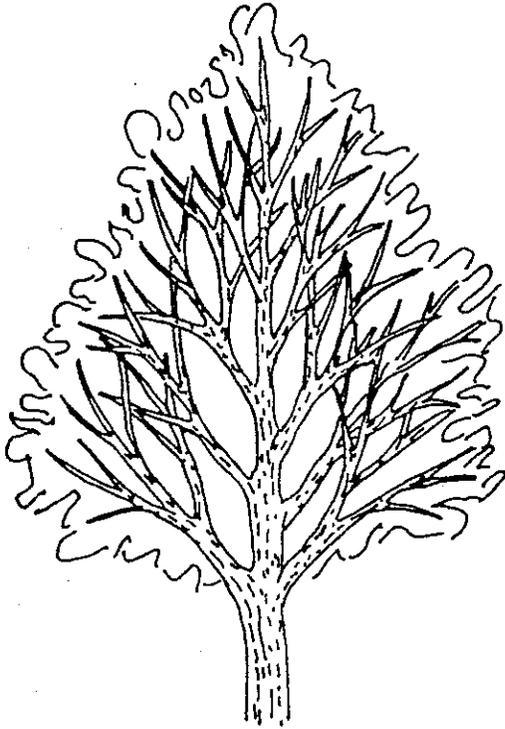
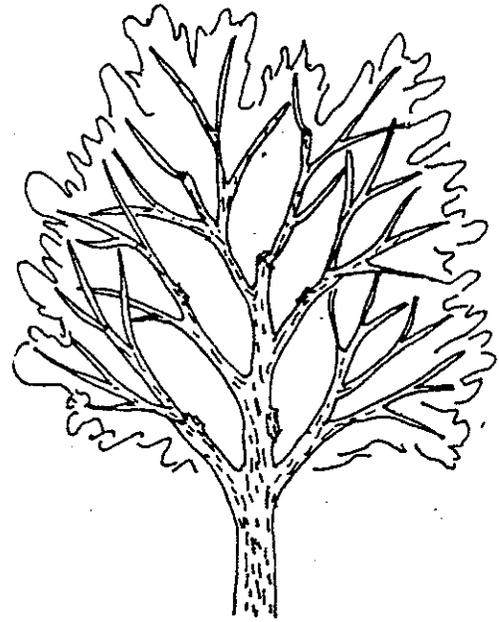


CITY OF WILLOWS — PARKS DIVISION  
**BASIC PRUNING HINTS**



**RIGHT WAY      DROP CROTCHING**

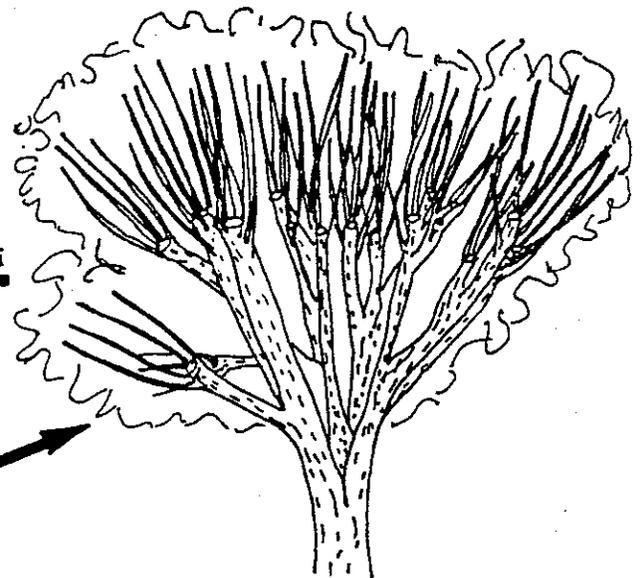
THINNING OUT PRUNING CAN BE USED TO REDUCE THE HEIGHT AND SPREAD OF A PLANT. CUT BRANCHES TO LOWER LATERALS (DROP CROTCHING). SOME LIMBS MAY BE REMOVED COMPLETELY. A THINNED TREE RETAINS ITS NATURAL SHAPE AND IS LESS SUBJECT TO VIGOROUS WATERSPOUTS THAN A HEADED TREE.



THINNING REDUCES THE HEIGHT OF AND OPENS UP A MATURE TREE (TOP) RETAINING THE NATURAL APPEARANCE AND FORM OF THE TREE

**WRONG WAY      HEADING OR STUBBING**

HEADING OR STUBBING IS THE MOST COMMON WAY TO REDUCE TREE SIZE. WHILE MORE RAPID THAN THINNING, THE RESULTS ARE IN MOST CASES MUCH LESS DESIRABLE. REGROWTH IS VIROROUS AND UPRIGHT FROM THE STUBS. THE NEW BRANCHES FORM A COMPACT, HEAD CAST DENSE SHADE AND ARE WEAKLY ATTACHED TO THE OLDER ONES.



A HEADED TREE WILL FORCE MANY VIGOROUS UPRIGHT SHOOTS. THE TREE LOSES ITS NATURAL FORM.