

Pruning Shade Trees

Do I need a chain saw?

Tools and equipment for pruning

Pruning tools

Shears

Pruning saw



ARS
long arm
pruner

Pole
pruner

Pruning shears

Bypass (cut like scissors) are best (Anvil pruners can crush stems)

Shop around to find which shape is comfortable for your hand

Some good brands: Corona, Fiscars, Felco, Bahco, ARS



Pruning tools

ARS
long arm
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Pole
pruner

Long arm pruners cuts small branches easily and safely from the ground

Pole pruners can reach high into the tree to safely remove branches

Pruning saws

Cut on pull stroke

Made for green wood

Very sharp, easy cutting

Don't try to sharpen, buy a new blade



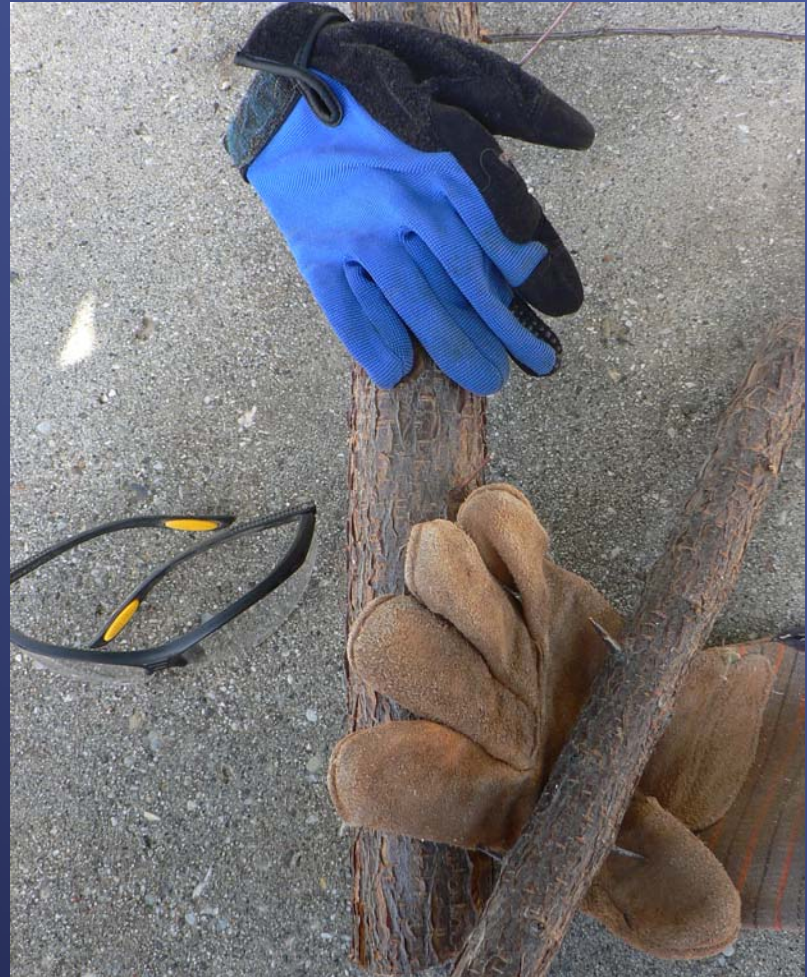
Pruning tools



Buy good tools and maintain them, they will last a lifetime

Safety

- Hand tools vs. power tools
- Safety glasses
- Bright gloves



Safety

- Work when you have energy and attention for pruning
- Know your limits
- Stay on the ground or on a very stable ladder (orchard ladder)



Hire this guy for bigger trees

Do I need a chain saw?



Chain saw + tree + experience=OK

Chain saw + tree – experience=DANGER

Thank you
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