

STOP THE CHOP!

TOPPING:

- DESTROYS VALUE
- CREATES UNSAFE DISEASE PRONE STRUCTURE
- UNSIGHTLY SPROUTS
- CAUSES PREMATURE DEATH



NO

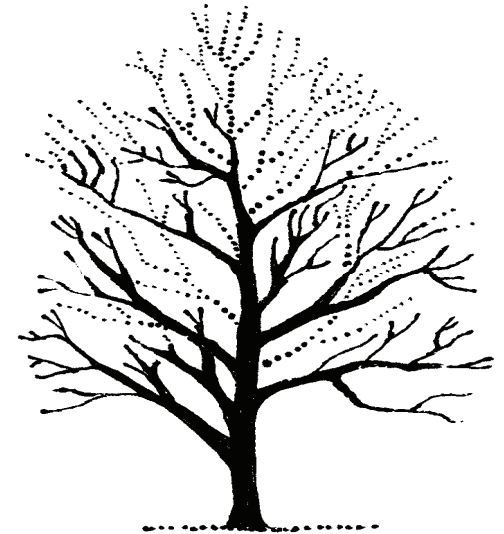
Trees need pruning but *never* topping. Remove dead branches and branches that rub against one another, etc. Information on proper pruning is available at the Borough Office. A list of tree trimmers who are familiar with proper pruning procedures and who carry up-to-date insurance is also available at the Hanover Borough Office.

Do *not* cover the root collar with excessive mulch. Mulching is good for most plants but the area immediately at tree base should be left uncovered. Mulch piled against trees encourages disease from insects, voles or mice. Only 2" – 3" is necessary at any time. Mulch is used to discourage weeds, protect bark from weed wackers and to retain moisture. The pyramidal look is *wrong*.

WINNING BY THINNING!

THINNING:

- PROMOTES CORRECT STRUCTURE
- SAVES MONEY AND INCREASES VALUE
- CONTROLS GROWTH OVER LIFE SPAN



YES

If you think trees located in the public right-of-way are in need of trimming or removal, you may obtain an application from the Shade Tree Commission at the Hanover Borough Office. Reasons for trimming include low hanging branches above street and sidewalk, branches too close to structures, excessive dead limbs in need of removal, or storm damage. Some reasons for removal of trees include trees nearing the end of their lifespan, trees damaged by either vehicular accidents or storm damage. Tree work may be done by the homeowner with approval of the Tree Commission. The Hanover Borough Public Works Crew trims on an ongoing basis for hazard reduction and elevation, but the property owner has the option of hiring an insured private contractor.