

# PRUNING

## ARE YOU PRUNING YOUR TREE CORRECTLY?

Pick The Olive Tree That You Think Is Pruned Correctly



**Did you choose #1?** Even though this is neatly pruned there is too much removed from the inside of the canopy and none of the crossing over branches were removed. No consideration was made to improve the form and strength of this tree.

**Did you choose #2?** These trees have been topped. This type of pruning is perhaps the most harmful to trees and unattractive. Large wounds and sunburn promote decay. The tree is starving from loss of leaves. The excessive sprouting that will result will need to be pruned more often, referred to as "being married to your tree trimmer."

**Did you choose #3?** This tree is young enough to survive over 50% of the canopy being removed but why stress it when you don't need to? Remember the leaves are its food factories.

**Did you choose #4?** This tree is the correctly pruned one. Less than 25% of the canopy was removed and the structure and form of the tree is strong. It won't need to be pruned again for 3 to 5 years.

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