

Mayor
Honorable Tom Ellis



City Manager
Jason A. Tuck, ICMA-CM

Date

Subject: 2020 Road Maintenance Program – Crack Seal and Slurry Seal

Dear Property Owner & Valued Community Member,

Your street has been selected for this year's Road Maintenance Program, and this summer we will be laying a slurry seal onto your street. Slurry seal adds a new top layer to the road that will improve the quality and prolong the life of your street. At this time, we do not know the exact date your street will be impacted, but we expect it to be between July and August. Rest assured, we will communicate directly with you as we know more, and the official project schedule is set.

Prior to construction, we will need you to trim your trees back from the roadway. The equipment that applies the slurry may break and damage trees that overhang the street. To ensure the project goes smoothly with minimal delays, we need your trees trimmed to allow for 14 vertical feet of road clearance.

Winter is the best time of year to trim a tree, and for this reason, the City requests that you complete any pruning and cleanup by April 1st. If you choose not to trim your trees, the City will hire a contractor to perform the work in accordance with standard pruning practices. However, only the portion of the tree overhanging the roadway will be trimmed by the City's contractor.

The reverse side contains recommendations on how best to trim your trees. If you have additional questions regarding this tree trimming effort, our City arborist is glad to provide added detail. Her contact information is provided below for reference.

Leslie Gover
Happy Valley City Arborist
cityarborist@happyvalleyor.gov

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alex Nichols', is placed above the printed name and title.

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The Do's and Don'ts of Trimming Trees

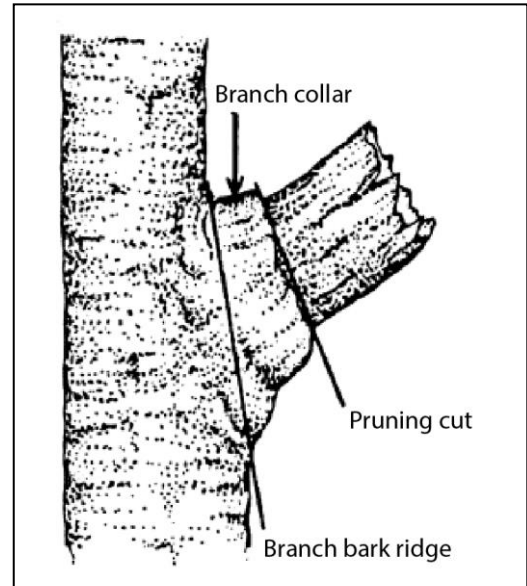
Wrong: Don't cut too close to the trunk. Flush cuts are too large and delay the sealing of the wound.

Wrong: Don't cut too far from the trunk, leaving an ugly stub which can give insects an entry point. The wound cannot seal until the stub is removed.

Right: Make the cut just outside the branch collar (the swollen area where the branch meets the trunk). The branch collar contains chemicals that speed the formation of callus tissue that seals the wound.

Information and image from

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/crop-production/fruit-trees/tree-pruning-basics>



For more information on tree care please visit the following website:

<http://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner>

Want more information on the slurry seal project? Visit our website at:

<https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/road-maintenance/>