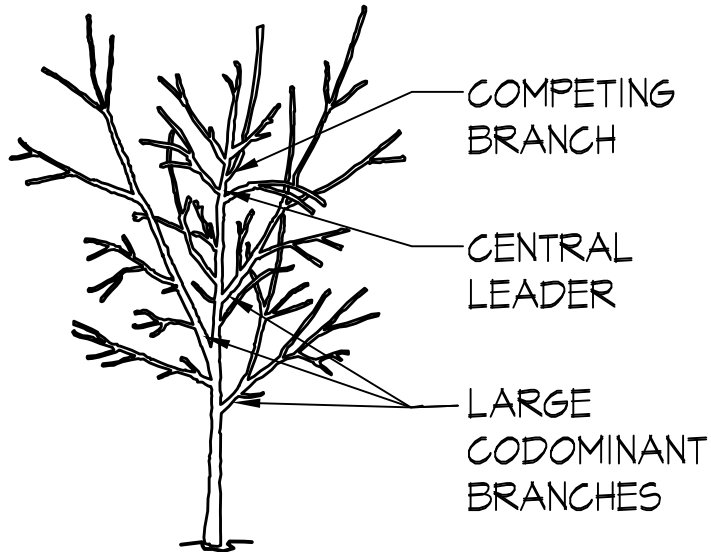
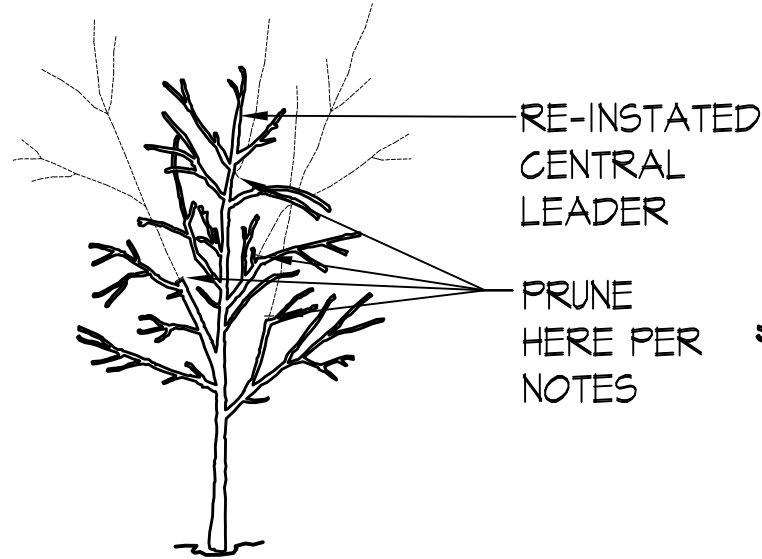


REJECTABLE TREE



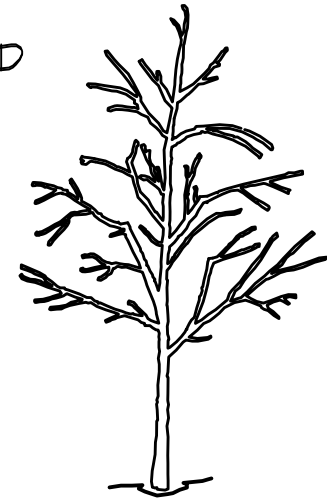
THIS EXAMPLE OF NURSERY STOCK HAS THREE CODOMINANT STEMS AND ONE BRANCH THAT IS COMPETING WITH THE CENTRAL LEADER. THE CODOMINANT AND COMPETING BRANCH INTERFERE WITH THE GROWTH OF THE MAIN STEM IN THE CENTER AND SHOULD BE PRUNED TO SUPPRESS THEIR GROWTH AND TO PROMOTE THE CENTRAL LEADER.

CORRECTIVE STRUCTURAL PRUNING



COMPETING STEMS WERE SHORTENED, TO IMPROVE TREE STRUCTURE. CUT BACK BRANCH TO A LATERAL BRANCH THAT POINTS AWAY FROM THE TRUNK AND THAT IS NOT POINTING UPRIGHT. ONLY LARGE DIAMETER BRANCHES NEED TO BE PRUNED BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT COMPETE WITH THE CENTRAL LEADER.

ACCEPTABLE TREE



AFTER PRUNING THE TREE HAS ONLY ONE DOMINANT STEM AND AN IMPROVED CROWN STRUCTURE. BEFORE CORRECTION TREATMENT THE TREE WAS REJECTABLE. ALL PRUNING CUTS SHALL BE PER CURRENT ANSI 300 STANDARDS, PART I.

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