

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF PRUNING TREES

1. Thou Shalt Not prune off branch collars.
2. Thou Shalt Not prune during periods of low energy reserves (stress periods).
3. Thou Shalt Not prune during leaf flushes.
4. Thou Shalt Not prune during fruit growth periods.
5. Thou Shalt Not allow codominant stems.
6. Thou Shalt Not prune more than a third of the tree at any one time.
7. Thou Shalt Not head back except in special cases.
8. Thou Shalt Not use pruning paints or seals over cut surfaces or wounds.
9. Thou Shalt Not cut off large branches in one downward stroke.
10. Thou Shalt Not cut downward into small branch crotches.