

Subject: Pruning – Bamboo

Approved: Patrick Bohlen

PROCEDURE:

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INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel pruning and maintaining Bamboo planted throughout campus.

PURPOSE: To train LNR person on the correct technique to prune and maintain Bamboo.

I. Knowledge –

Before pruning Bamboo, employee should have the ability of identifying the plant to be pruned and be familiar with the industry pruning standards for the plant. Employees should understand the criteria to determine if the Bamboo needs to be thinned or trimmed.

II. Safety –

- a. Check for any biting or stinging insect that might be in area to be pruned. If wasp/ants are a problem let the supervisor know.
- b. Follow the safety requirements for hand tools - specifically hand pruners and loppers.
- c. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - i. Gloves are (recommended)
 - ii. Long sleeve shirt (recommended)
 - iii. LNR issued Safety Shoes (required)
 - iv. It is the employee's responsibility to determine if added Personal Protective Equipment is needed and therefore must consult with their Supervisor prior to starting the task.

III. Proper Outcome –

Pruning should promote plant health, encourage the growth of the plant and improve the appearance of the surrounding area.

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IV. Steps for Trimming or Thinning Bamboo

- a. Identify the plant and assess if the Bamboo will need trimmed or thinned out.

Note: When performing the assessment, consider if the plant has outgrown the planting area, or impeding a walkway, or leaning on a building, etc.

- b. Cut out all dead canes.

Note: All cuts, stalk removal, or new growth made to the Bamboo should be made as close to the ground (or main stalk) as possible.

- c. Cut outer canes as needed to enhance the appearance of the plant and surrounding area.

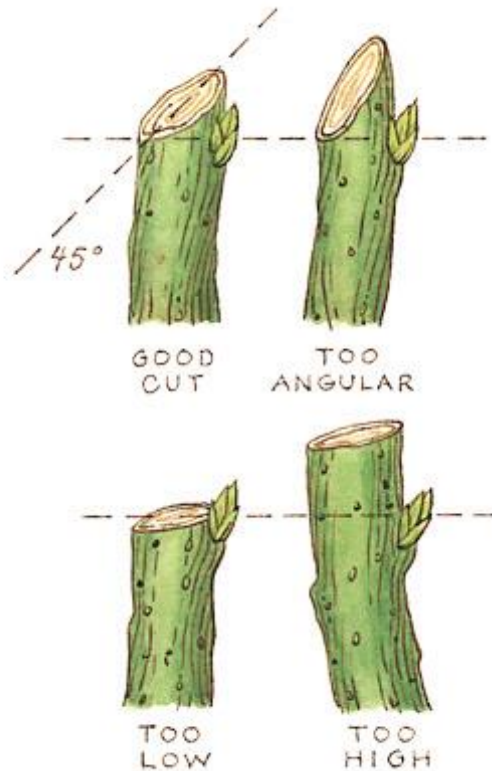
Note: Tools should be cleaned and sanitized when moving from one section to the next to prevent disease.

CAUTION: Bamboo should never be thinned, trimmed or clipped out using hedge shears. Using hedge shears can damage the plant and cause disease.

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- d. If you do not need to remove a complete cane, make the cut right above a node (see images below).



- e. When pruning operations are complete, clean the cutting edges of the pruners and loppers with disinfectant to avoid transfer of disease, and secure for the next use.
- f. Police all trimmings and dispose of in the proper designated area.