

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
MONTANA CONSERVATION PRACTICE JOB SHEET

TREE/SHRUB PRUNING (ACRE)

CODE 660

Landowner	Field / Management Unit	Date
Legal Description	Contract Item Number	Area (Acre)
		Job Class

PURPOSE:

- Improve the appearance of trees or shrubs, e.g., ornamental plants and Christmas trees.
- Improve the quality of wood products.
- Improve the production of plant products, e.g., nuts, fruits, boughs and tips.
- Reduce fire and/or safety hazards.
- Improve the growth and vigor of understory plants.
- Adjust the foliage and branching density or rooting length for other specific intents, such as wind and snow control, noise abatement, access control, and visual screens and managing competition.
- Improve health and vigor of woody plants e.g., disease, insect and injury damage.
- Maintain or improve soil quality and organic matter content.

TREE/SHRUB PRUNING – GENERAL (All Purposes):

Pruning techniques: Hardwood pruning Conifer pruning

Pruning tools: Pruning shears Loppers
 Pole saws Bow saws
 Chain saws
 Other _____

Time of pruning: Dormant period (November – March) Active growing period

Extent of pruning: Less than one-third of crown Less than one-half of total height

PRUNING OR SHEARING – CHRISTMAS TREES:

Pruning: Slow growth

Extent of pruning: Lower branches of crown About one-half of total height

Shearing: Improve crown symmetry Improve crown shape

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INSTALLATION CERTIFICATION:

Species Pruned: _____

Type of Pruning: _____

Period of Pruning: _____ Adequate _____

Height of Pruning: _____ Feet Adequate _____

Proper Pruning Technique: _____ Hardwood _____ Conifer Adequate _____

Amount of Crown Remaining: _____ Adequate _____

Number of Crop Trees Pruned: _____ Trees/Acre Adequate _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I hereby certify that this practice has been installed in accordance with NRCS standards and specifications.

NRCS Conservationist

Job Approval Authority

Date

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