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Some Random Landscape Thoughts

There are several advantages to winter pruning for both you and the plant. Here are a few of the benefits.

Visibility: Once leaves have fallen from shrubs and trees, you can see the structure of the branches. Shaping and removing crossed branches is much simpler along with identifying any damaged or diseased branches.

Less pest/disease risk: Tree diseases are typically caused or spread by bacteria, fungi, parasites, and insects. These agents are usually dead or dormant during the winter.

Better overall health: When a tree is in dormancy, cuts heal faster and cause less stress to the tree. When pruned in the winter, new growth will start in the spring; when the tree receives the moisture, sunlight, and nutrients it needs to support healthy growth.

Timing: Late winter is actually the best time for pruning most trees, shrubs, and vines. The exception is early spring bloomers which should be pruned after flowering, in the summer. Pruning in the fall should always be avoided since it stimulates new growth, which isn't desired when winter is around the corner. Dead, damaged, and diseased branches can be removed any time of year.

Happy Landscaping!

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**EASIER TO SEE
BRANCH STRUCTURE**
without leaves



**REDUCED SOIL
COMPACTION RISK**
with frozen soil



**REDUCED PEST
AND DISEASE RISK**
in the winter



**LESS STRESSFUL
FOR THE TREE**
when they are dormant

Why Prune Your Tree?

Pruned



Un-Pruned

Tree Pruning Benefits

Aesthetically
Pleasing

Influences
Tree Growth

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Removes
Dangerous Limbs

Maintains Tree's
Weight Distribution