



City of Indianapolis
Department of Parks & Recreation
Urban Forestry Section



City of Indianapolis Arboricultural Standards

Knowledge and adherence to the following ANSI Standards are required to perform arboricultural work in City of Indianapolis right-of-way or on public properties:

1. **ANSI Z60.1 – American Standard for Nursery Stock.**
2. **ANSI Z133.1-2000 – Pruning, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush – Safety Requirements.**
3. **ANSI A300 (Part 1) – 2001 Pruning – Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Maintenance – Standard Practices (Pruning).**

Although ANSI A300 (Part 1) – 2001 Pruning are used as general guidelines for tree care on City of Indianapolis right-of-way and properties, the following changes/additions further define the Standard to reflect actual policy (bolded and underlined words indicate a change in the standard):

Section 4 – Definitions

- **4.20 heading** – Heading is **not** an acceptable pruning practice.
- **4.23 internodal cut** – Internodal cuts are **not** an acceptable pruning practice.

Section 5 – Pruning Practices

- **5.3.3** – A pruning cut that reduces the length of a branch or parent stem **shall** bisect the angle . . .
- **5.4.1** – Wound treatments **shall** not be used . . .
- **5.5.2** – . . . the growth cycles and structure of individual species and the type of pruning **shall** be considered.
- **5.5.4** – Not more than 25 percent of the foliage of a branch or limb should be removed when it is cut back to a lateral. That lateral **shall** be large enough to assume apical dominance.
- **5.5.5** – Pruning cuts **shall** be made in accordance with 5.3 Pruning cuts.
- **5.5.6** – Heading **shall** be considered an **unacceptable** practice . . .
- **5.7.1.3.1** – Pruning **shall** be limited to cleaning (5.6.1).
- **5.9.2.1.1** – Pruning cuts **shall** be made in accordance with 5.3, Pruning Cuts.
- **5.9.2.1.1.2** – A pruning cut that reduces the length of a or parent stem **shall** bisect the angle . . .
- **5.9.2.1.5** – Branches **shall** be cut to laterals or the parent limb and not at a pre-established clearing limit.