

## Pruning

RTS prunes trees in accordance with ANSI A300 (Part 1 - Pruning). Not only because we **must** as [ISA Certified Arborists®](#), but also because proper pruning accelerates wound closure, protects against insects and diseases, and reduces decay. Let RTS help you achieve your pruning goals – whatever they may be – [topping](#) **not** included.

**Cleaning** – the selective removal of dead, diseased, decayed, hanging, rubbing, and/or low-vigor branches; primarily limited to medium-aged and/or mature trees

**Thinning** – the selective removal of branches to increase light penetration and/or air movement through the canopy; limited to the canopy margins

**Raising** – the selective removal of lower branches to provide vertical clearance for structures, vehicles, pedestrians, and/or vistas

**Reduction** – the selective removal of branches to decrease the **overall** height and/or spread of the canopy

**Structural** – properly develops branch/trunk architecture to increase longevity and decrease structural failure rates; uses a combination of techniques and requires a multi-year approach

**Restorative** – corrects prior misguided pruning efforts and/or unplanned catastrophic damage; uses a combination of techniques and typically requires a multi-year approach

