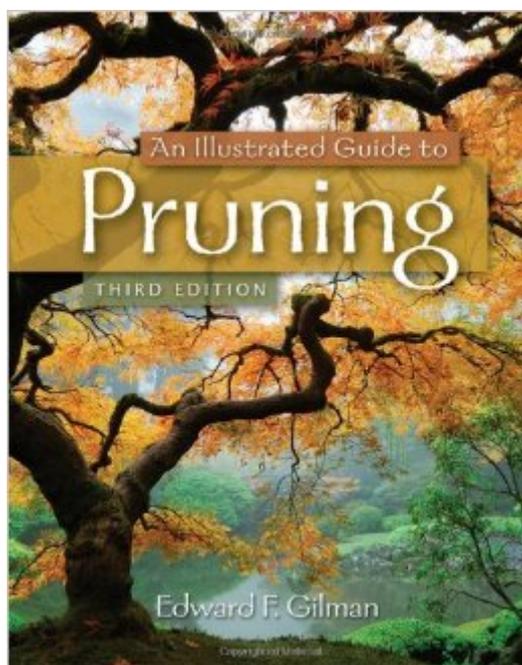


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# An Illustrated Guide To Pruning



## Synopsis

Well written and easy to understand, An ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO PRUNING, Third Edition is a must-have for anyone interested in the pruning and maintenance of trees. Filled with updated illustrations, photographs, and examples, this completely updated guide is designed to help readers understand and implement the appropriate pruning practices that are vital to developing sustainable structure in the first 25 years of a tree's life. Coverage includes a variety of information about the challenges associated with pruning such as disease prevention, root pruning, mature tree pruning, and restoration following storms. With its simple tables, lists, and strategies, this book is an appealing resource for horticulture, landscape and tree associations and industries and is a natural addition for botanic garden and arboreta bookstores.

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## Customer Reviews

I purchased Dr. Gilman's textbook after helping prune several young trees with someone who had participated in Dr. Gilman's single-day pruning mini-course. There were a lot of removal cuts and reduction cuts to ensure strong leaders. The trees looked quite different after pruning, each with a single leader branch at the very top. This text teaches current concepts in pruning (there have been some changes in recent years) and is very heavy on detailed illustrations of what to do, what not, and why. It covers some alternative approaches, with emphasis on trees, from seedling to maturity. There's lots of information on how to produce quality trees in a nursery, then on how to continue their growth in their permanent homes, where they will develop their permanent canopies. Shortly

after Gilman's textbook arrived, I had a 100-gallon oak tree installed in my yard, so I had seen his advice on "shaving" root balls to get rid of circling roots. The tree happened to have an excellent root ball and needed no more than five or ten minutes of clipping small circling roots. The cut root ends should produce lots of new roots, spreading outward from the trunk. The installer assured me that the grower was top-notch. There is useful advice on how to hire an arborist, how to prune palms and cycads, shrub pruning (including hedges) and how to prune roots during construction or road/walkway maintenance. Gilman's textbook should be extraordinarily useful for nursery growers and arborists. It could be very useful for landscapers and other people charged with maintaining and improving landscapes. In particular, the book should be useful for developing maintenance schedules and budgets, and selling those budgets to those who control the funds.

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