

# *(Pruning)*

## **1 ANSI A300 standards**

### **1.1 Scope**

ANSI A300 standards present performance standards for the care and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

### **1.2 Purpose**

ANSI A300 standards are intended as guides for federal, state, municipal and private authorities including property owners, property managers, and utilities in the drafting of their maintenance specifications.

### **1.3 Application**

ANSI A300 standards shall apply to any person or entity engaged in the business, trade, or performance of repairing, maintaining, or preserving trees, shrubs, or other woody plants.

### **1.4 Implementation**

Specifications for tree maintenance should be written and administered by an arborist.

## **2 Part 1 – Pruning standards**

### **2.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to provide standards for developing specifications for tree pruning.

### **2.2 Reasons for pruning**

The reasons for tree pruning may include, but are not limited to, reducing risk, maintaining or improving tree health and structure, improving aesthetics, or satisfying a specific need. Pruning practices for agricultural, horticultural production, or silvicultural purposes are exempt from this standard.

### **2.3 Safety**

**2.3.1** Tree maintenance shall be performed only by arborists or arborist trainees who, through related training or on-the-job experience, or both, are familiar with the practices and hazards of arboriculture and the equipment used in such operations.

**2.3.2** This standard shall not take precedence over arboricultural safe work

























