PROPER PRUNING DETAIL

Visible Collar
Remove Branch Here at Edge of Collar

No Visible Collar
Imaginary Line

Branch Bark Ridge
Pruning Cut

Cutting Back to a Lateral

No Collar and Included Bark
Included Bark
Pruning Cut

Before Pruning Dead Branch

After Pruning Dead Branch
Cut as Close to the Collar as Possible

Dead Branch

Collar Made From Trunk Wood

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