Pruning

Review questions

1. List three or four reasons why you would want to prune your plants.

2. Unsanitary pruning tools can spread disease organisms from diseased plants to healthy plants. How can you prevent this problem?

3. Briefly describe the two types of pruning cuts and the purpose of each.

4. Mr. Smith is anxious to remove a diseased 2.5"-diameter branch from his oak tree. He plans to use a chain saw and make one cut on the branch, flush with the trunk. What are the potential problems with his plan?

5. What is one of the most important factors to consider when pruning a flowering tree or shrub?

6. Should all fruit trees be pruned the same, regardless of the kind of tree (e.g., apple vs. peach)?