

Palm Trimming

What are the problems with penciling?

- It affects the trunk's taper
- Weakens fronds and causes fracturing
- Makes fronds smaller and skinnier
- Accelerated frond removal causes potassium deficiency
- Takes years to correct (typically it takes a year for every row removed)
- Less foliage causes stress and weakens the palms ability to pull up water and nutrients
- You cut the umbilical cord to the juvenile fronds when you remove the outer supporting fronds
- Increases the chance of freezing
- Trimming will need to be done more often due to the increase in dead fronds

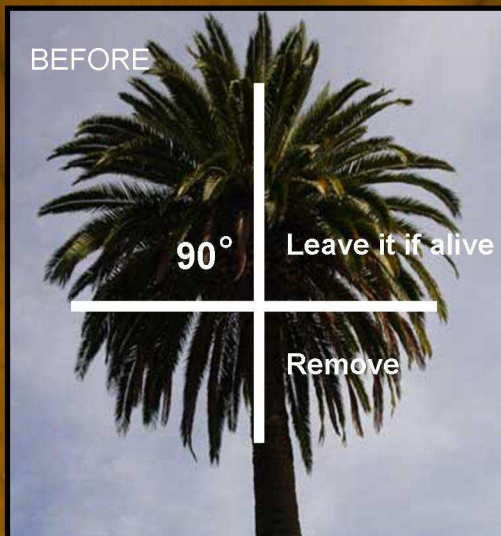


Diagram of Proper Pruning



Example of Improper Pruning

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