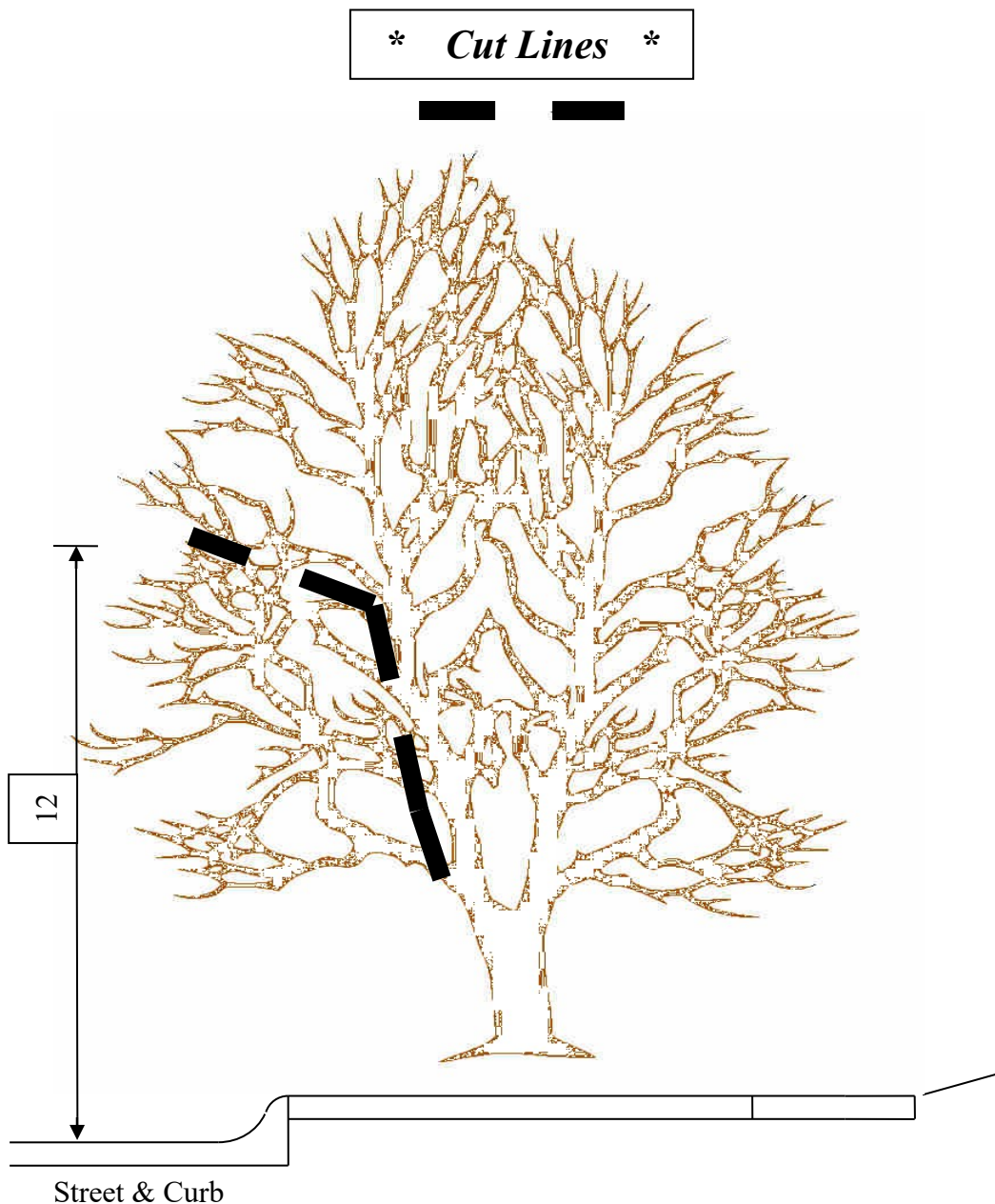


# Hamilton Township Pruning Specifications for Street Trees



The purpose of this routine pruning is to produce strong, healthy, attractive trees and to provide safe clearance along your streets and sidewalks. Pruning for safety involves removing branches that could fall and cause injury or property damage, and trimming branches that interfere with lines of sight on streets or driveways. In addition, this trimming allows for safe passage of school buses and snow plows. Please notice the cut lines illustrated in the picture above. This is the approximate location of the cut lines which will be trimmed on your trees.

A proper cut begins just outside the swelling of the branch where it is attached. The quality of pruning cuts can be evaluated by examining pruning wounds after one growing season. A complete circle of wound wood will form by next year. Trees will be trimmed in a similar fashion as the picture above details. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the method of trimming.