



# Green School Full Course Training Guide

# 2024 - 2025

Colorado Gardener Certificate Colorado Master Gardener

# Reading & Homework List Class Notes & Worksheets

>> GARDENNOTES IS YOUR ONLINE REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR THIS COURSE. Go to http://ColoradoMasterGardener.org > Green School > GardenNotes

Торіс	GardenNotes Readings – not required, for reference	Homework Optional	Worksheets Optional, in-class
Soils, Fertilizers & Amendments	#211-215; #218-219; #221-224; #231-234; #241-246; #251		#252
Botany: How Plants Grow	#121, #122, #131-137, #141-145	#155	#151 #152
Tree Identification & Planting	#171-173; #177 #631-636	Tree Planting Crossword Puzzle	
Tree Care	#651- 659	Tree Care Crossword Puzzle	
Lawn Care/ Turf Management	#551-554; #561-566	Turf Management Crossword Puzzle	#571
IPM & Diagnostics	#101, #102, #112-113	#105 IPM Crossword Puzzle	#103
Weed Management	#351, #352, #353		#356
Entomology	#311-315	#318	
Plant Pathology	#331	#332	
Colorado Gardening Challenges	Supplemental readings posted online.		

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Vegetables	#711-724; #731		
Small Fruits	#761-764		
Irrigation	#261-268		
Pruning	#611-617	#618	
Fruit Trees	#771		

# Class Notes: Soils, Fertilizers, Amendments

- Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete worksheet (optional)
- Attend one weekly live review

Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Introduction to Soils

Lesson 2: Soil Amendments

Lesson 3: Soil Compaction and Fertilizers



# CMG GardenNotes #252 Worksheet: Soils Texture and Free Lime Practice Lab

### 1. Soil Texture by Feel

Identify the soil samples to coarse (sandy), medium or fine (clayey). Reference *The Science of Gardening*, page 89.

Soil Sample	<ul> <li>Describe the feel:</li> <li>Gritty = sand.</li> <li>Silk smooth = silt.</li> <li>Sticky = clay.</li> </ul>	How long of a ribbon will form?	<ul> <li>What is the soil texture?</li> <li>Ribbons &lt;1":</li> <li>Feels gritty = coarse texture (sandy soil).</li> <li>Not gritty = medium texture (high in silt).</li> <li>Ribbons 1-2 inches:</li> <li>Feels gritty = medium texture.</li> <li>Not gritty = fine texture.</li> <li>Ribbons &gt;2" = fine texture clayey soil.</li> </ul>
1			
2			
3			
Your soil.			

### 2. Soil Texture by Measurement

Using the jar method, determine the soil textural class for one of the samples. Does it match the feel test? Reference *The Science of Gardening*, page 87-88.

- a. How long do you shake the bottle of soil?
- b. When do you measure the sand, silt, and clay levels?

Sand \_\_\_\_\_ Silt \_\_\_\_ Clay \_\_\_\_

c. Determine the soil texture for the following samples:

		Depth of layer	Percent	Soil Textural Class (from Soil Textural Triangle, page 87)	Will this soil behave as a sandy or clayey soil?
	Sand	3.0"			
Sample	Silt	0.5"			
1	Clay	1.5"			
	Total	5.0"			
	Sand	3.5"			
Sample	Silt	1"			
2	Clay	0.5"			
	Total	5"			

### 3. Free Lime Test

On your soil sample, do a vinegar test for free lime (calcium carbonate). Reference *The Science of Gardening*, page 159 and 166-167.

- a. Did it fizz (have high calcium carbonate)? Yes No
- b. What does this indicate about your soil? Can you lower the pH?

# Class Notes: Botany - How Plants Grow

- Complete online class
- □ Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete homework & worksheet (optional)
- □ Attend one weekly live review.
- Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Classification & Taxonomy

Lesson 2: Plant Structures

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Botany - How Plants Grow

Lesson 3: Plant Growth



# CMG GardenNotes #155 Homework: Botany

### Answer the following questions based on content from the online class.

- 1. Why is it important to use scientific names for plants rather than only common names?
- 2. Why is it important for you as a Colorado Master Gardener to recognize plant families?
- 3. Why is winter watering important in Colorado?
- 4. How can a late spring frost or freeze affect plant growth and development?
- 5. What resources can you use to assist with plant ID?

#### **BONUS QUESTION:**

A client wants to plant drought-tolerant, deer-resistant perennials in their landscape which has full sun exposure. They have heard about Plant Select® and would like to use these if possible. Use the Plant Select website: <u>https://plantselect.org/?action=plants</u> to find 2-3 plants that might meet their needs. What did you find and what additional information would you need from the client to help them make a right plant, right place decision?



(flower stem)

# CMG GardenNotes #151 Worksheet: Plant Structures

The objective of this work sheet is to give students experience systematically looking at plant parts and connecting what they see with print information.

### 1. Flower Parts

Using your real flower specimen, locate the flower parts that are present. Not all flowers will have all parts present. Fill in the blanks below using the picture of a flower having all parts present, i.e., a perfect flower. Reference GN135, Plant Structures: Flowers.

NOTE: Brackets below (in picture) indicate collective structure.

- Anthers
- Calyx П
- Corolla П
- Filament
- Ovary
- Pedicel
- Petals

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- Pistil П
- Receptacle
- Sepals
- Stamen
- Stigma
- Style П

BONUS: Based on GN136, what does a mature ovary look like on an apple tree?

Worksheet: Plant Structures 151-1

### 2. Identify the Type of Flower

Use what you know about these flowers OR look them up to identify the inflorescence or flower arrangement on a stem. Reference GN135, *Plant Structures: Flowers* 

Flower	Inflorescence Type	Flower	Inflorescence Type
Allium		Achillea	
Sunflower		Рорру	
Foxglove		Calla Lily	

### 3. Identify the Type of Fruit

Use what you know about these fruits OR look them up to identify the fruit type. Reference GN136, *Plant Structures: Fruit*.

Fruit	Fruit Type	Fruit	Fruit Type
Apple		Tomato	
Peach		Raspberry	

### 4. Annual Growth

Use branch samples provided in class. Reference GN133, Plant Structures: Stems.

Examine young branches and twigs, looking for the annual growth increments (terminal bud scars). Based on the terminal bud scars, measure the annual growth for the past three years to the nearest inch.

NOTE: The annual growth rings are easy to read on some species and more difficult on other species.

Branch Sample 1	Branch Sample 2
New growth, season/year 1.	New growth, season/year 1.
Previous growth, season/year 2.	Previous growth, season/year 2.
Three years back, season/year 3.	Three years back, season/year 3.



## CMG GardenNotes #152 Worksheet: Plant Processes #1

### Photosynthesis/Transpiration

Suggested GardenNotes to reference: 132, *Plant Structures: Roots*, 134, *Plant Structures: Leaves*, 141 *Plant Physiology: Photosynthesis, Transpiration, and Respiration*, and 144 *Plant Growth Factors: Water*.

#### Situation/Symptoms

A homeowner calls about a tree in their yard that leafed out fine this spring. By late June, however, the leaves began to wilt, dry up, and are now falling. They just moved into the home last fall and do not know how the landscape was maintained prior. Other trees in the yard are showing similar symptoms. There has been prolonged drought in the area for the past two years.

#### Why are the leaves drying? Why were they fine this spring?

How does a prolonged drought interrupt the plant processes of photosynthesis and respiration?



## CMG GardenNotes #152 Worksheet: Plant Processes #2

### Respiration

Suggested GardenNotes to reference: 132, *Plant Structures: Roots*, 141 *Plant Physiology: Photosynthesis, Transpiration, and Respiration*, 214 *Estimating Soil Texture: Sandy, Loamy, or Clayey*, 215 *Soil Compaction*, 633 *The Science of Planting Trees*, and 636 *Tree Planting Steps*.

A homeowner planted a shade tree two years ago in a landscape with heavy clay soil. The tree has never thrived and is now showing dieback mostly in the lower canopy. They asked the advice of their neighbor, a Colorado Master Gardener, who noticed that the tree had been planted about six inches too deep and the homeowner has been watering daily trying to bring the tree back.

### What is causing the dieback and what plant process is being interrupted?



## CMG GardenNotes #152 Worksheet: Plant Processes #3

### **Growth Regulators/Hormones**

Suggested GardenNotes to reference: 132, *Plant Structures: Roots*, 133 *Plant Structures: Stems*, 145 *Plant Growth Factors: Hormones* (most useful resource), 632 *Tree Selection: Right Plant, Right Place* (indirectly related, has info on different types of nursery stock; bare root, balled and burlapped, and container that might shed light on root growth of the tree after planting, depending on the nursery production method), 633 *The Science of Planting Trees* (indirectly related), 635 *Care of Recently Planted Trees* (indirectly related), 651 *Fertilizing Shade Trees*, and 659 *Understanding Tree Roots*.

### Situation/Symptoms

A client planted a two-inch caliper, balled and burlapped shade tree three years ago but it still has not really taken off the way it should. They believe that did everything right when planting the tree including pruning some of the top of the tree to balance out the compromised root system.

Why hasn't the tree come out of transplant shock and put on more top growth and how are hormones affecting the tree's growth?

Does the tree need more fertilizer?

# **Class Notes: Tree Identification & Planting**

- Complete online class (videos)
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete homework (optional)
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Lessons 1 - 4: Identifying Trees and Shrubs

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Tree Identification & Planting

Lesson 5: Tree Planting: Overview

Lesson 6: Width and Depth of the Planting Hole

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Tree Identification & Planting

Lesson 7: Correcting Circling Roots

Lesson 8: Tree Planting Considerations

### **CMG Tree Planting Crossword**



#### Across

- **1.** Keep both <u>and mulch off the top of the root ball following planting.</u>
- **3.** These are large roots that will help support the tree during establishment.
- **4.** A B&B tree has this type of material on the outside, wrapped in wire.
- 6. The best way to remove circling roots is to \_\_\_\_\_ them off.
- **7.** The crook of the graft union should point in this direction following planting.
- 8. Make the hole \_\_\_\_\_ times as wide as the root ball.
- 9. This container material is the most common.

#### Down

- 2. \_\_\_\_ roots are found on the outside of the root ball.
- **3.** The planting hole should be \_\_\_\_\_-shaped.
- 5. This type of tree is sold in the early spring with no container or soil around the root system.

# **Class Notes: The Care of Trees**

- Complete online class (videos)
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete homework & worksheet (optional)
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Lessons 1 – 4: Care of Trees in the Landscape

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Care of Trees

Lessons 1 – 4: Care of Trees in the Landscape

### **CMG Tree Care Crossword**



#### Across

- **4.** In the fall, use the <u>setting</u> on a mower to break up tree leaves into smaller pieces.
- **5.** During tree establishment, this nutrient can stimulate top growth of the tree, at the expense of root growth.
- **9.** Tree wrap should be put on in late November and removed during this month.
- **10.** When using herbicide near trees, always read the \_\_\_\_\_ in its entirety.

#### Down

- Contrary to popular belief, tree roots tend to be \_\_\_\_\_ in depth and extend three to five times the width of the canopy.
- 2. It will take approximately <u>seasons</u> for a three inch caliper tree to become established.
- **3.** Staking straps should be made of this material.
- 6. A mulch ring will help prevent string \_\_\_\_\_ and lawn mower damage at the base of the tree.
- 7. A mulch "\_\_\_\_\_" is a heavy application of mulch piled around the trunk of the tree.
- 8. It is recommended that you water mature trees outside of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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# **Class Notes: Lawn Care**

- Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete homework & worksheet (optional)
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Lesson 1: Turf Introduction

Lesson 2: Turfgrass Management

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Lawn Care

Lesson 3: Lawn Afflictions

### **CMG Turf Management Crossword**



#### Across

- **2.** This fertilizer nutrient makes grass darker green and it grows faster.
- **5.** This is a pesticide used to control WEEDS.
- **9.** This wild animal can cause dead spots in lawns (from constant, close feeding and urine injury).
- **10.** This type of weed can grow back every year WITHOUT producing any seed.
- **11.** A management practice used to relieve soil compaction in lawns.
- **12.** These white larvae of beetles feed on turfgrass roots.
- **15.** This native grass can be planted in Colorado home lawns.
- **16.** Used for grass ID the arrangement of the youngest leaf in the grass shoot (rolled or folded).

#### Down

- **1.** There are two types of this lawn care implement: the rotary or the reel-type.
- **3.** This is a layer of organic matter that can form in Kentucky bluegrass lawns.
- 4. This is a disease of over-watered lawns.
- **6.** You should leave these on your lawn when you mow lawn.
- **7.** When this nutrient is deficient, turf can become chlorotic (yellow).
- 8. This insect-like pest can kill lawns in late winter/early spring (dry conditions).
- **13.** This type of irrigation head applies a large amount of water over a short time period.
- **14.** You are more likely to "stripe" a lawn using this type of fertilizer spreader.



# CMG GardenNotes #571 Worksheet: Turf Diagnostics

### SCENARIO 1: Brown with Lawn Envy



My neighbor has the most beautiful lawn. What can I do to make mine look as nice as theirs?

- What questions would you ask this client?
- What resources will you use to research options?
- What recommendations might you provide?
- 1. What questions would you ask this client?
- 2. What resources will you use to research?
- 3. What recommendations might you provide?

### SCENARIO 2: Cutting it Close

My lawn got away from me during this last rainy spell. Is it OK to mow it?

- What questions would you ask this client?
- What resources will you use to research options?
- What recommendations might you provide?



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1. What questions would you ask this client?

2. What resources will you use to research?



1. What questions would you ask this client?

2. What resources will you use to research?

### SCENARIO 4: The Green & Gold Lawn

My lawn is looking yellow in spots. How do I make it green again?

- What questions would you ask this client?
- What resources will you use to research options?
- What recommendations might you provide?



1. What questions would you ask this client?

2. What resources will you use to research?

### SCENARIO 5: Mower Mystery



After mowing I noticed mowing tracks of brown grass. Is the grass dead? What's causing this and what can we do to fix and prevent it?

- What questions would you ask this client?
- What resources will you use to research options?
- What recommendations might you provide?

1. What questions would you ask this client?

2. What resources will you use to research?

## SCENARIO 6: Can you Spot the Problem?



Ack! What's causing these brown spots in my lawn?

- What questions would you ask this client?
- What resources will you use to research options?
- What recommendations might you provide?

1. What questions would you ask this client?

2. What resources will you use to research?

# SCENARIO 7: A Hare-y Problem

My lawn appears to be dying and is almost bald is certain areas. I water regularly but it's not working. What's happening and how can I fix it?

- What questions would you ask this client?
- What resources will you use to research options?
- What recommendations might you provide?



2. What resources will you use to research?



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Lesson 1: Introduction

Lesson 2: Integrated Pest Management

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: IPM & Diagnostics

Lesson 3: The Diagnostic Proces

Lesson 4: Understanding Pesticide Labels



## CMG GardenNotes #105 Homework: IPM & Diagnostics

Covers GN# 100, 101, 102, 112, and 113.

1. Why is Integrated Pest Management (IPM) the best approach to managing pest problems?

2. Why is it important to discuss tree care issues as they relate to growth phases?

3. What is the first step in the diagnostic process?

4. Why is it important to know what is "normal" for a given plant?

### **CMG IPM & Diagnostics Crossword**



#### Across

- **3.** Initials for this multi-pronged approach to managing pests.
- 6. A natural botanical pesticide derived from these.
- 7. Sunken, usually discolored area on a plant.
- **10.** Checking plants on a regular basis is called this.
- 11. Symptom name for dead plant tissue.
- **13.** When pests are no longer affected by a pesticide, they are said to be this.

#### Down

- **1.** A random pattern of damage usually points to this general category.
- **2.** Right plant, right place is an example of this IMP strategy.
- 4. What we call slimy droplets.
- **5.** Type of pesticide absorbed and spread throughout the plant.
- **8.** A uniform pattern of damage usually points to this general disease category.
- **9.** Planting small throated flowers to attract beneficial insects is an example of this IPM strategy.
- **12.** The first step in diagnosis is to \_\_\_\_\_ the plant.



# CMG GardenNotes #103 Worksheet: Reading Pesticide Labels

Find answers to the questions from the labels provided.

- 1. What are the active ingredients?
- 2. Can I apply this product to lilacs? The plant has powdery mildew and aphids.
- 3. I have applied this to my cabbage crop. How long do I have to wait after the application to eat it?
- 4. What is the mode of action for this product?
- 5. Will this product harm freshwater clams?
- 6. What action do I take if I accidentally spill this product on my shirt sleeve?
- 7. How do I dispose of the empty container?
- 8. How should I store this product?
- 9. Can I use this product in my greenhouse where I grow culinary herbs for sale?

Worksheet: Reading Pesticide Labels 103-1





Worksheet: Reading Pesticide Labels 103-3

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	Thrips, Psyllids, Plant Bugs, Lace Bugs, Fruit Flies, and Earwig
CONTROLLED	Blackspot, powdery mildew, rust, scab, blight, brown rot, an leaf spot.
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- Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)

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- Complete worksheet (optional)
- □ Attend one weekly live review
- Complete online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Introduction

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Weed Management

Lesson 2: Weed Management



# CMG GardenNotes #356 <u>Worksheet: Weed Management</u>



- 1. What questions would you ask this client?
- 2. What resources will you use to research?
- 3. What recommendations might you provide?

Worksheet: Weed Management 356-1

### SCENARIO 1: Ready to Clean Up & Grow Part 2

I just moved to Colorado and into a house where the raised vegetable beds are full of weeds. How should I clean this up so I can start planting WITHOUT USING HERBICIDES?

• What questions might you ask?

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- What resources could you use as a CMG?
- What science-based recommendations could you give?



Listen to Tony Koski's personal story about this property.

Same property, four and a half months later:



Worksheet: Weed Management 356-2



1. What questions would you ask this client?

2. What resources will you use to research?

## SCENARIO 3: Concerned Citizen or Nosey Neighbor?

My neighbor has tall, noxious weeds going to seed. What can CSUE do about this problem? What can I do?

- What questions might you ask?
- What resources could you use as a CMG?
- What science-based recommendations could you give?



1. What questions would you ask this client?

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2. What resources will you use to research?



1. What questions would you ask this client?

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# Class Notes: Entomology

- Complete online class
- □ Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete homework (optional)
- □ Attend one weekly live review
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Lesson 1 Introduction

Lesson 2: Identifying Insects

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Entomology

Lesson 3: Insects in the Garden



# CMG GardenNotes #318 Homework: Entomology

#### Answer the following questions.

- 1. How do you know if a creature in your garden is an insect?
- 2. What makes an insect "beneficial"?
- 3. Why can aphid populations increase so rapidly?
- 4. It is July. You have correctly diagnosed a large spider mite infestation on a customer's raspberry plants. What is the most important management strategy you can recommend to the customer?
- 5. Why do gardeners often report that ladybugs "disappear" shortly after releasing them in the garden?
- 6. List three gardening practices that can improve habitat for native pollinators in personal gardens.
- 7. Why is fall garden cleanup valuable to insect pest management? How would you advise a customer who would like to leave the leaves to protect overwintering insects/pollinators?"
- 8. While volunteering as a Master Gardener, someone asks you about their two-year old crabapple tree. There are "a lot" of holes in the leaves and they want to know what could be chewing on them. The client cannot find any insects. How will you answer this question?

- Watch recordings
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Complete homework (optional)
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Lesson 1: Plant Pathology Overview

Lesson 2: Biotic Issues - Part I

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Plant Pathology

Lesson 3: Biotic Issues - Part II

Lesson 4: Abiotic Problems

Lesson 5: Completion of the Plant Diagnostic Process



# CMG GardenNotes #332 Homework: Plant Pathology

### Answer the following questions.

- 1. What four components must be present for biotic disease to develop?
- 2. Another name for a living cause of disease is:
- 3. Another name for a non-living cause of disease is:
- 4. List three ways to manage powdery mildew on a shrub.
- 5. A client brings you a foot-long branch of an aspen tree. The leaves on the branch tips are dark brown and wilted; the branch tip is bent over. Could this be fire blight? Why or why not?
- 6. List two general management strategies for Cytospora canker disease on an aspen.
- 7. How are leaf scorch and winter desiccation similar in terms of how they develop? In symptom expression?
- 8. A ten-foot row of low-growing junipers is planted between the west facing side of an apartment building and a sidewalk. By mid-winter, the sidewalk side of the junipers begins to turn completely brown. What symptom supports an abiotic diagnosis? State a possible cause of the juniper symptoms.

# **Class Notes: Colorado Gardening Challenges**

- Download handouts located in Canvas
- □ Complete online module
- Attend one weekly live review
- Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Introduction to Colorado Gardening Challenges

Lesson 2: Ignition Resistant Landscaping

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Colorado Gardening Challenges

Lesson 3: Gardening with Wildlife

Lesson 4: Benefits of Using Native Plants

Lesson 5: Native Plants for Every Situation

- Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- Attend one weekly live review
- Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Vegetable Garden Planning & Layout

Lesson 2: Soil Management in the Vegetable Garden

# Green School Training Guide Class Notes: Vegetables

Lesson 3: Growing Vegetables

Lesson 4: Other Topics: Mountain Gardening & Herb Gardening

- □ Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- □ Attend live review
- Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Introduction

Lesson 2: Growing Raspberries

Lesson 3: Growing Blackberries

Lesson 4: Growing Strawberries

Lesson 5: Growing Grapes

Lesson 6: Growing Currants & Gooseberries

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Lesson 1: Water Movement through the Landscape and Western Water Rights

Lesson 2: Irrigation Management Factors, Irrigation Equipment, Scheduling, and Watering Efficiently

- □ Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- □ Complete homework (optional)
- □ Attend live review
- Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Tree Growth and Decay

Lesson 2: Structural Pruning of Young Trees

Lesson 3: Pruning Mature Trees, Flowering Shrubs and Evergreens



# CMG GardenNotes #618 Homework: Pruning

- 1. Describe the following terms:
  - a) Branch bark ridge.
  - b) Branch collar.
  - c) Reaction zone.
  - d) Branch defense zone.
- 2. Define and draw the following pruning methods:
  - a) Structural/subordinate pruning.
  - b) Heading.
  - c) Thinning.
  - d) Raising or "Limbing Up".
  - e) Reduction.

- 3. Describe in your own words, the three-cut pruning technique. Why is this method important to follow exactly?
- 4. Evaluate the tree below and draw where you would make your pruning cuts:



# **Class Notes: Fruit Trees**

- Complete online class
- Review GardenNotes for this class (if desired)
- □ Attend live review
- Complete quiz online in Canvas

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Lesson 1: Fruit Tree Basics

Lesson 2: Structure and Pruning Fruit Trees

Lesson 3: Fruit Tree Issues