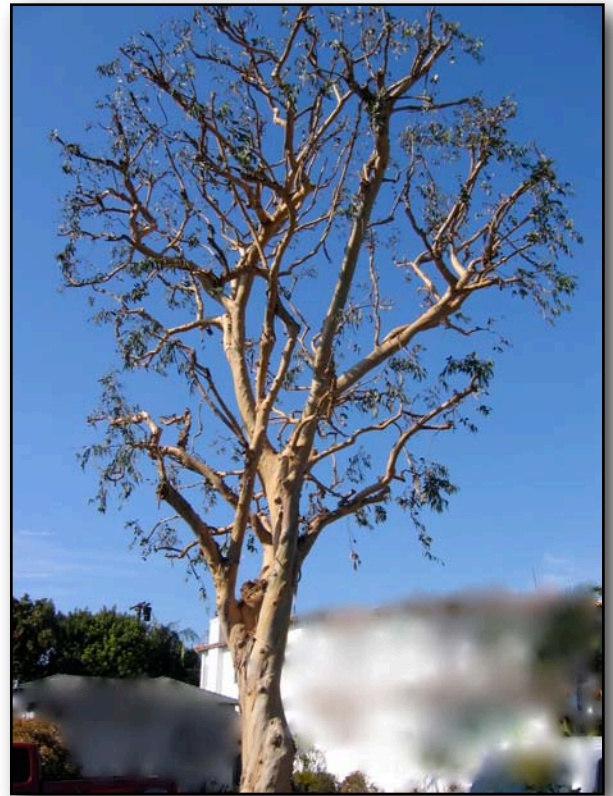


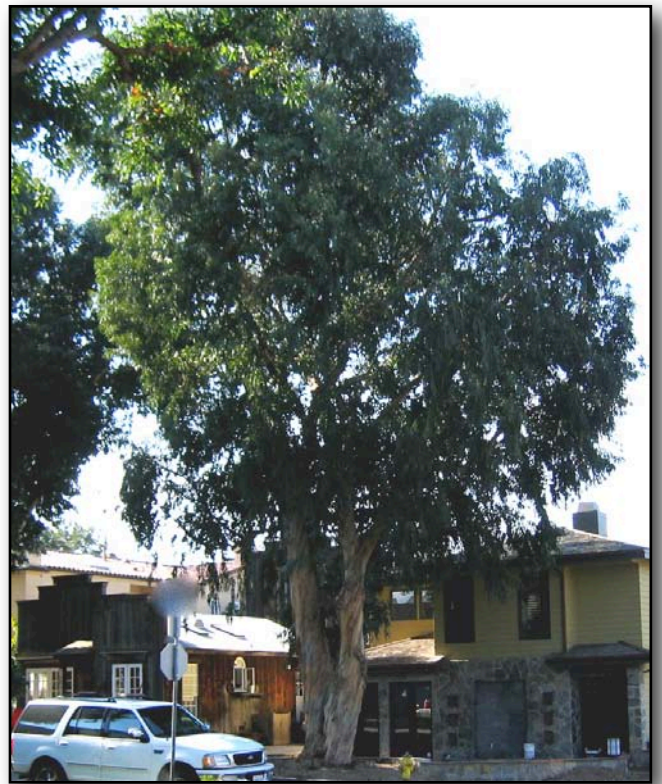
# CAN YOU PRUNE YOUR TREE TO DEATH?



Over pruning and topping trees causes stress, decay, and even death. The survival mechanism of an over pruned tree will cause rapid growth of weakly attached shoots, in turn creating an increased future hazard. The rapid growth will need more pruning which in the trade is known as "being married to your tree trimmer." The trees below left have since died. Trees need leaves for food. Removing too many leaves can eventually starve the tree (literally to death).



Please Don't Over Prune



A Properly Pruned Tree With Only 25% Of The Live Foliage Removed

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