## ANNANDALE RESIDENTS

Alliance Landscaping will be starting the community pruning (weather dependent) on Monday, October 13th.

**Pruning** is a horticultural and <u>agricultural</u> practice involving the selective removal of parts of a plant, such as <u>branches</u>, <u>buds</u>, or <u>roots</u>. Reasons to prune plants include deadwood removal, shaping (by controlling or directing growth), improving or maintaining health, reducing risk from falling branches. The practice entails *targeted* removal of <u>diseased</u>, damaged, dead, non-productive, structurally unsound, or otherwise unwanted <u>tissue</u> from crop and <u>landscape plants</u>. Specialized pruning practices may be applied to certain plants, such as <u>roses</u>, <u>fruit trees</u>, and <u>grapevines</u>. Different pruning techniques may be deployed on herbaceous plants than those used on perennial woody plants. <u>Hedges</u>, by design, are usually (but not exclusively) maintained by <u>hedge trimming</u>, rather than by pruning

Our employees are trained within the standard Horticultural guidelines.

We will be pruning all late flowing shrubs, such as Rose-of-Sharon and Hydrangea, including Perennials.

Leading up to this, please go to the mail house, grab the amount of red ribbon you need, and follow the instructions below. Please make sure the ribbon is long enough and visible for the leader to see from the road.

## **Red Ribbons ONLY**



By tying a red ribbon on your FRONT door you will be telling us you do not want us to prune anything on your property.



Red Ribbon on a shrub or tree means you wish for us not to touch that specimen.