

# HOW TO PRUNE A FRUIT TREE

**Step-by-Step  
Visual Guide**



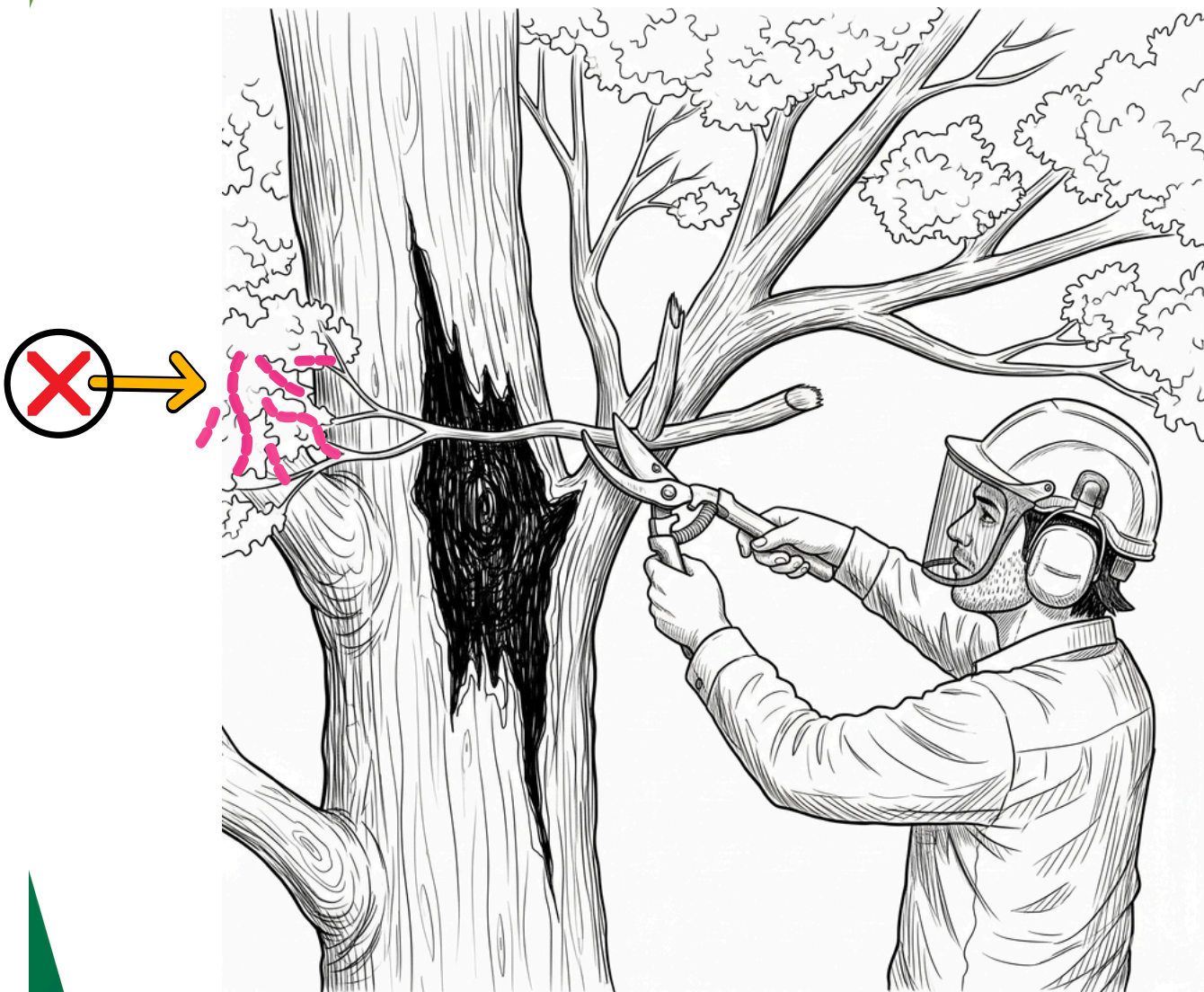
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# STEP 1: CLEAN YOUR TOOLS



**Disinfect pruning tools using alcohol or bleach before you start to avoid disease spread.**

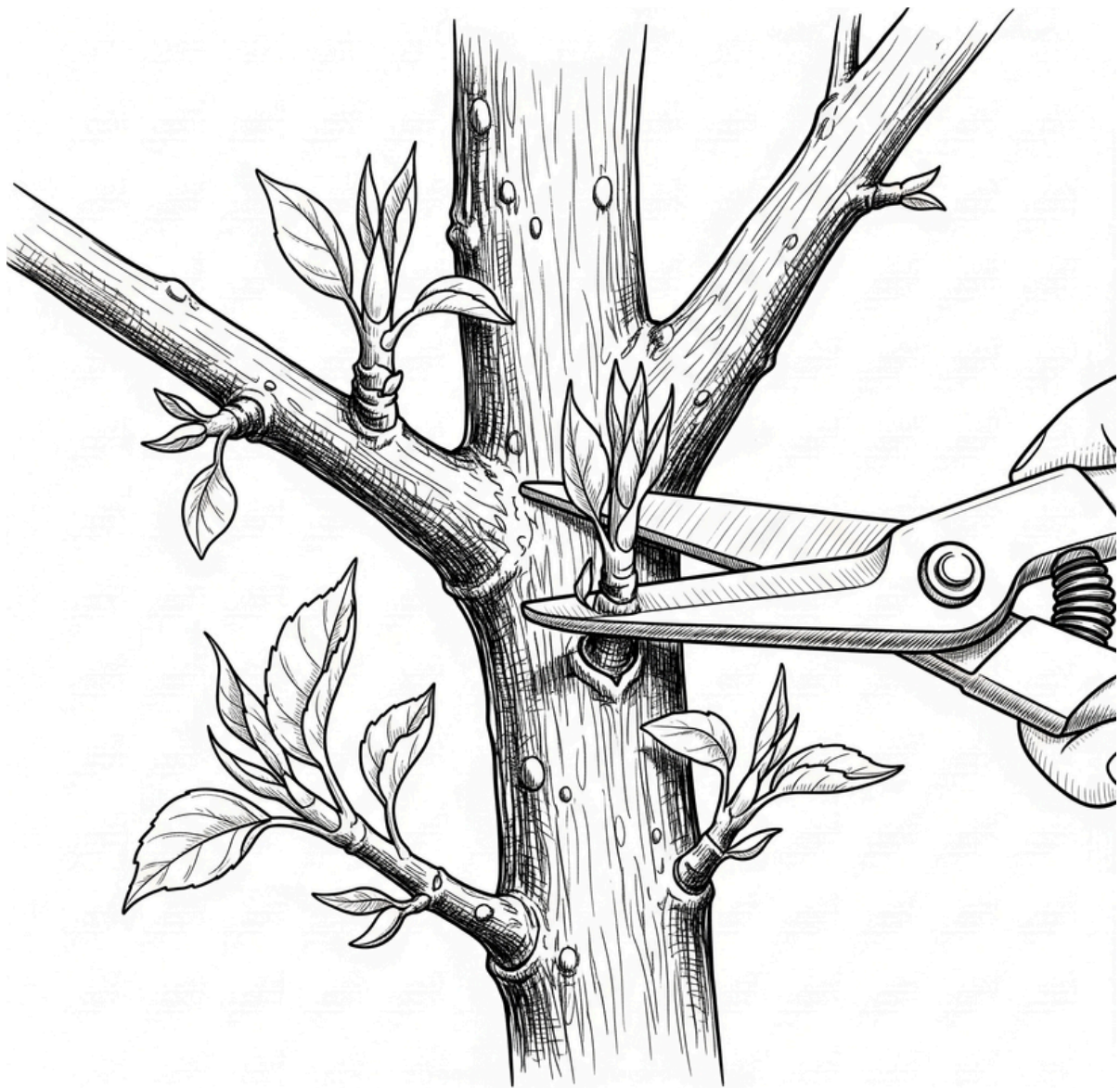
## **STEP 2: REMOVE DEAD OR DISEASED WOOD**



**Cut away any branches that are dead, damaged, or showing signs of disease to protect the rest of the tree.**



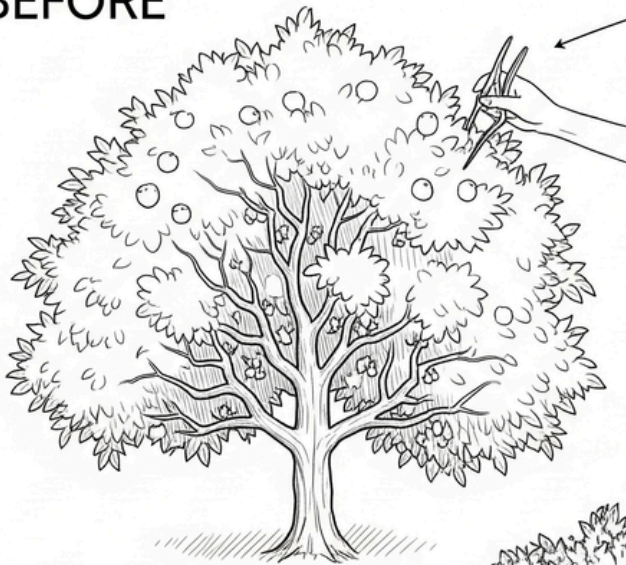
## **STEP 3: REMOVE SUCKERS AND WATER SPROUTS**



**Eliminate shoots growing from the base or  
straight up from branches.**

## STEP 4: THIN THE CANOPY

BEFORE



**THINNING**

ALLOW LIGHT  
OPTIMAL  
LIGHT AND AIR  
PENTETRATION

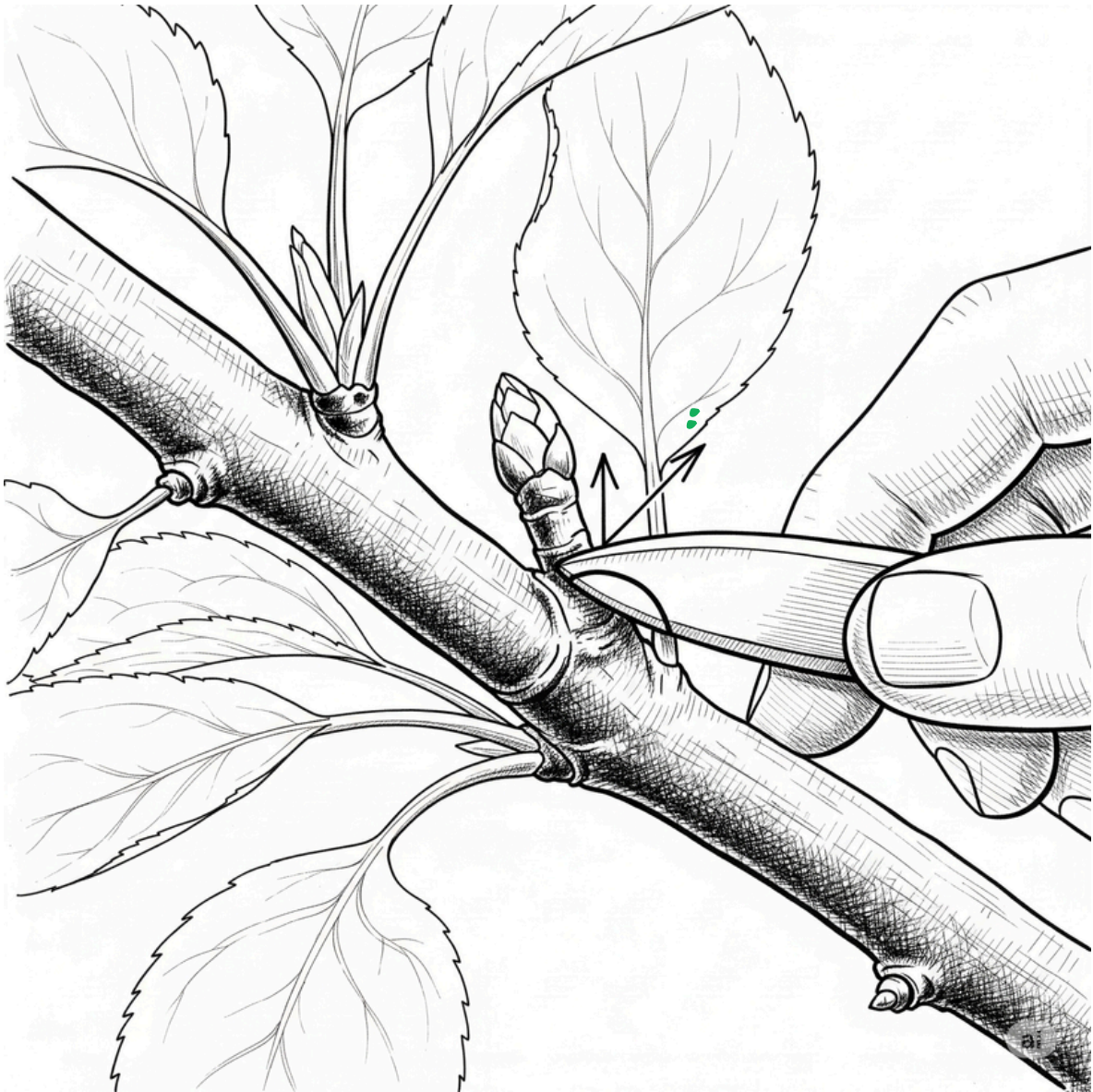


After

**Remove crowded or crossing branches to  
open up the tree's center.**



## **STEP 5: MAKE CLEAN, CORRECT CUTS**



**Make angled cuts just above healthy buds or  
laterals to guide growth.**