

How To Use Limb Spreaders

- 1 Place one end of the limb spreader along the **lateral branch** (i.e., the branch growing from the main stem or leader of the tree).
- 2 Place the other end of the limb spreader into position against the main stem or leader.
- **3 Adjust as needed** to ensure spreaders are secure and lateral branch is held at desired angle (usually about 45 degrees).
- 4 Check periodically to see that the spreaders have not been knocked loose by the wind or that the branch is not being girdled. Reposition as needed to achieve desired angle.
- 5 Remove spreader after branch has "set" into position (about 6-8 weeks). Do not leave in one place for prolonged period as girdling of the branch may occur.

