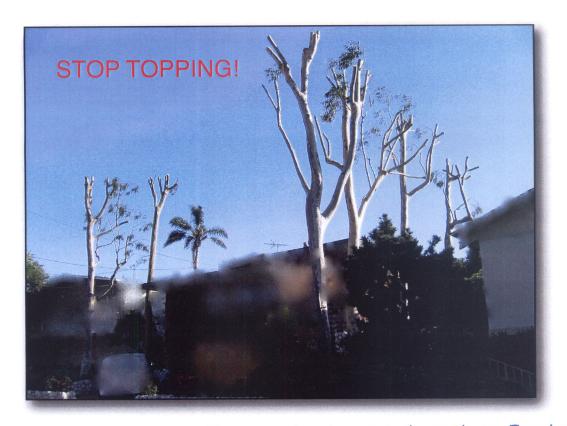
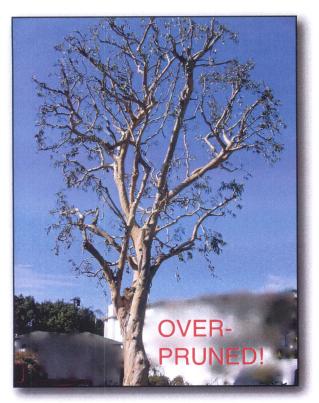
## CAN YOU PRUNE YOUR TREE TO DEATH?





Over-pruning trees such as these Eucalyptus 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 have since died. Trees need leaves for food. Removing too many leaves can starve the tree (literally to death).



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Southern California Edison (SCE) tops trees and over prunes. Please find out if the City can use Public Utilities Code 7901.1(a) to guide SCE to use better pruning practices when dealing with power line hazards.