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Really outstanding article in this month's *Good Fruit Grower* magazine regarding research comparing various aspects/methods of pruning out active fireblight to prevent spread. Other threads on this forum have posed questions about sanitizing between cuts, leaving stumps, length of cuts, etc. This article gets very specific at comparing all sorts of aspects surrounding fireblight pruning, and draws some interesting conclusions -- one big takeaway for me, who always ends up in arguments with my mother about taking the time to sanitize between cuts, is that sanitizing does not appear to make much of a difference at all, unless you are cutting through actively oozing tissue (and you should be cutting far below actively oozing tissue). The conclusion is that whatever you gain, if anything, by sanitizing, is offset by the time added, which would be more effectively spent pruning out more fireblight as it rapidly spreads. Anyway, fyi: [\[www.goodfruit.com\]](http://www.goodfruit.com)

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