

# Shrub Pruning Guide



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These are general guidelines for the best time to prune. Feel free to contact our garden center for more specific pruning information.

## Shrubs - Deciduous

Common Name	Botanical Name	Prune
Azalea	<i>Rhododendron</i>	After Flowering
Barberry	<i>Berberis</i>	Anytime
Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa</i>	Late Winter, Early Spring
Burning Bush	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Late Winter, Early Spring / Renewal Pruning in Early Spring
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia</i>	Early Spring to 6" if necessary
Chokeberry	<i>Aronia</i>	After Flowering
Cistena Plum	<i>Prunus x cistena</i>	After Flowering
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	After Flowering
Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Dappled Willow	<i>Salix integra</i>	Early Spring / Renewal Pruning in Winter
Deciduous Viburnum	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	After Flowering, no more than 1/3
Dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	Late Winter
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus</i>	After Flowering
Exbury Azalea	<i>Rhododendron</i>	After Flowering
Forsythia	<i>Forsythia</i>	After Flowering / Renewal Pruning while dormant
Fothergilla	<i>Fothergilla</i>	After Flowering
Hydrangea - Bigleaf	<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	After Flowering if necessary
Hydrangea - Oakleaf	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	After Flowering if necessary
Hydrangea - Panicle	<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Hydrangea - Smooth	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Lilac	<i>Syringa</i>	After Flowering
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Quince	<i>Chaenomeles</i>	After Flowering
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Shrub Rose	<i>Rosa</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Slender Deutzia	<i>Deutzia</i>	After Flowering
Spiraea	<i>Spiraea</i>	After Flowering / Renewal Pruning in winter
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Summersweet	<i>Clethra</i>	Early Spring
Sweetspire	<i>Itea</i>	After Flowering
Weigela	<i>Weigela</i>	After Flowering / Renewal Pruning while dormant
Winterberry Holly	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring

## Shrubs - Evergreen

Common Name	Botanical Name	Prune
Bayberry	<i>Myrica</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Boxwood	<i>Buxus</i>	Winter through July
Bird's Nest Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring if necessary
Blue Star Juniper	<i>Juniperus squamata</i>	Early Spring
China or Blue Holly	<i>Ilex x meserveae</i>	Winter
Euonymus	<i>Euonymus</i>	Early Spring
Globe Arborvitae	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Globe Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>	New Growth in Spring
Gold Thread Cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i>	Spring
Heavenly Bamboo	<i>Nandina</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring
Inkberry Holly	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Early Summer
Japanese Garden Juniper	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i>	Early Spring
Laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	After Flowering
Lily of the Valley	<i>Pieris japonica</i>	After Flowering
Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Spring on new growth
Pyracantha	<i>Pyracantha</i>	Anytime / Renewal Pruning in Winter
Rug Juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Early Spring
Siberian Cypress	<i>Microbiota decussata</i>	Early Spring
Sky Pencil	<i>Ilex crenata</i>	Winter
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i>	After Flowering if necessary
Yew	<i>Taxus</i>	Late Winter / Early Spring

