

SHRUBS

Pruning Guide

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

Deciduous

- Azalea (Rhododendron) – After flowering
- Barberry (Berberis) – Anytime
- Beautyberry (Callicarpa) – Late winter, early spring
- Burning Bush (Euonymus alatus) – Late winter, early spring | Renewal pruning early spring (March)
- Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) – Early spring to 6" if necessary
- Chokeberry (Aronia) – After flowering
- Cotoneaster (Cotoneaster) – After flowering
- Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia) – Late winter, early spring
- Dappled Willow (Salix integra) – Early winter | Renewal pruning in winter to early spring
- Deutzia (Deutzia) – After flowering
- Dogwood (Cornus) – Late winter
- Elderberry (Sambucus) – After flowering
- Exbury Azalea (Rhododendron) – After flowering
- Forsythia (Forsythia) – After flowering | Renewal pruning while dormant
- Fothergilla (Fothergilla) – After flowering
- Hydrangea, Bigleaf (H. macrophylla & serrata) – After flowering if necessary
- Hydrangea, Oakleaf (H. quercifolia) – After flowering if necessary
- Hydrangea, Panicle (H. paniculata) – Late winter, early spring
- Hydrangea, Smooth (H. arborescens) – Late winter, early spring
- Lilac (Syringa) – After flowering | Renewal pruning in winter to early spring
- Ninebark (Physocarpus) – Late winter, early spring
- Quince (Chaenomeles) – After flowering
- Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus) – Late winter, early spring
- Rose, shrub (Rosa) – Late winter, early spring | After initial flowering if necessary
- Spirea (Spiraea) – After flowering | Renewal pruning in winter to early spring
- St. John's Wort (Hypericum) – Late winter, early spring
- Summersweet (Clethra) – Early spring
- Sweetspire (Itea) – After flowering
- Viburnum (Viburnum dentatum) – After flowering no more than 1/3
- Weigela (Weigela) – After flowering | Renewal pruning in winter to early spring
- Winterberry Holly (Ilex verticillata) – Late winter, early spring



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Evergreen

- Arborvitae (Thuja) – Late winter, early spring
- Bayberry (Myrica) – Late winter, early spring
- Boxwood (Buxus) – Winter through July
- Bird's Nest Spruce (Picea) – Late winter, early spring if necessary
- Euonymus (Euonymus) – Early spring
- Globe Blue Spruce (Picea) – New growth in spring
- Gold Thread Cypress (Chamaecyparis) – Spring
- Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina) – Late winter, early spring
- Holly, China & Blue (Ilex x meserveae) – Winter
- Holly, Inkberry (Ilex glabra) – Early summer
- Holly, Sky Pencil (Ilex crenata) - winter
- Juniper (Juniperus) – Early spring | After flush for formal
- Laurel (Prunus) – After flowering
- Lily of the Valley (Pieris japonica) – After flowering
- Mugo Pine (Pinus) – Spring, new growth only
- Pyracantha (Pyracantha) – Anytime | Renewal pruning in winter
- Siberian Cypress (Microbiota) – Early spring
- Viburnum (Viburnum) – After flowering
- Yew (Taxus) – Late winter, early spring