

## WHEN TO PRUNE HOLLY

Holly pruning can be performed during two key periods:

1. During winter dormancy
2. Immediately after blooming, to preserve berry production (as hollies bloom on old wood)

Avoid late summer pruning to prevent encouraging tender shoot growth late in the season.

### Meserve Hollies (China & Blue Prince/Princess)

These varieties rarely require extensive pruning for appearance. However, Blue Prince & Princess benefit from regular shaping while young. For mature plants, prune sparingly, focusing on tip-pruning.

### Japanese Hollies (Sky Pencil)

Minimal pruning is recommended. Only prune to control height or to address damage from snow or ice accumulation.

### Inkberry Holly

Prone to legginess, Inkberry Holly responds well to shearing, similar to boxwood maintenance.

### Winterberry Holly (Deciduous)

When necessary, remove up to one-third of the stems, prioritizing the oldest and thickest ones for removal.